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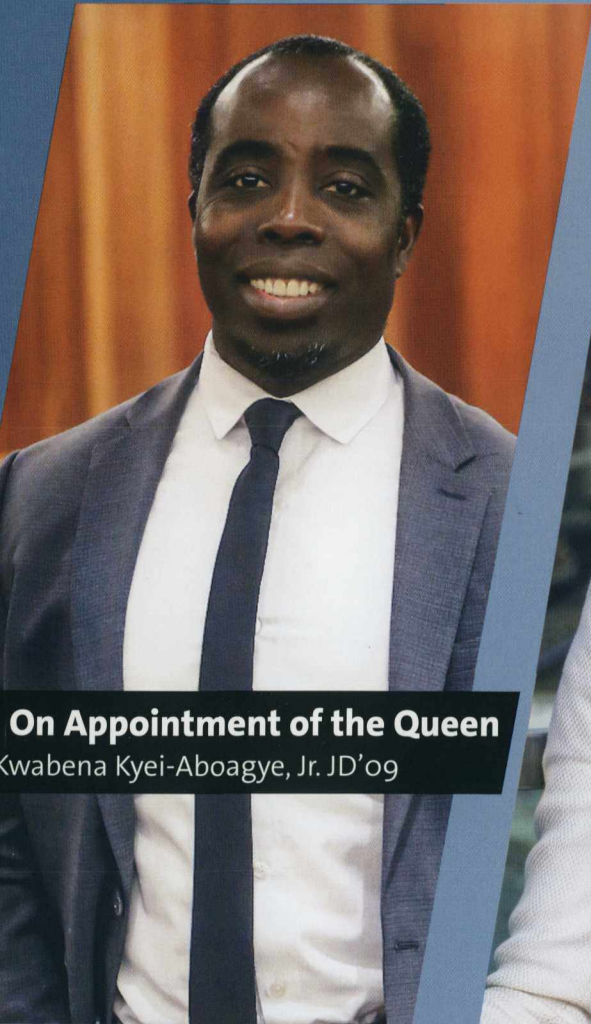
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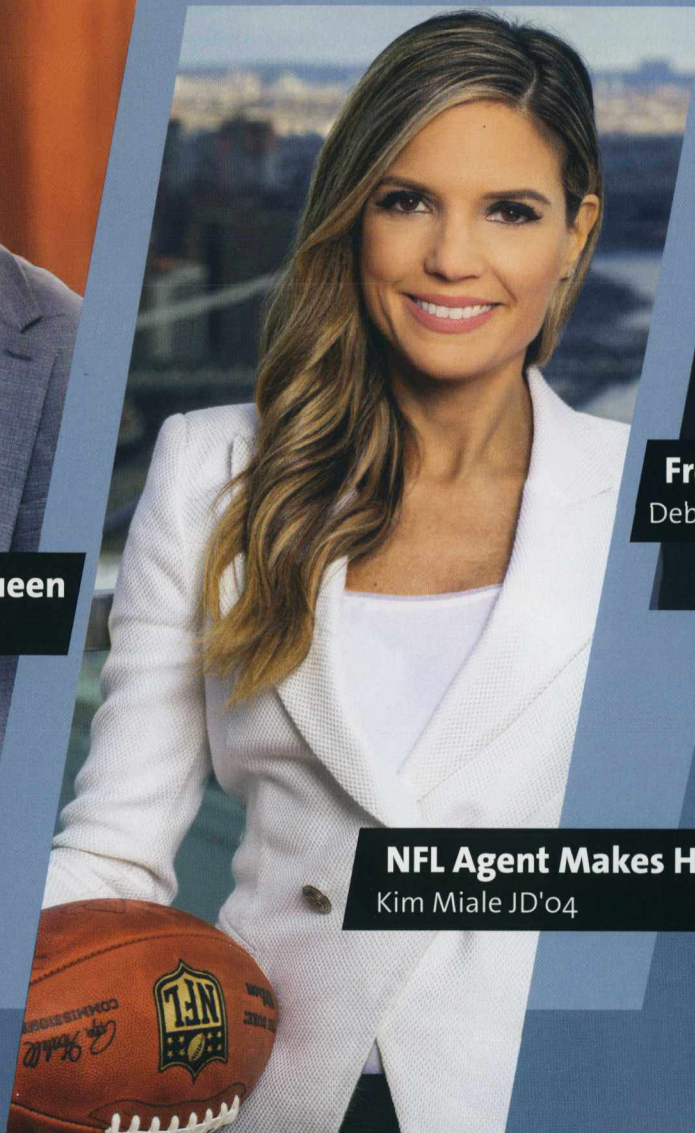
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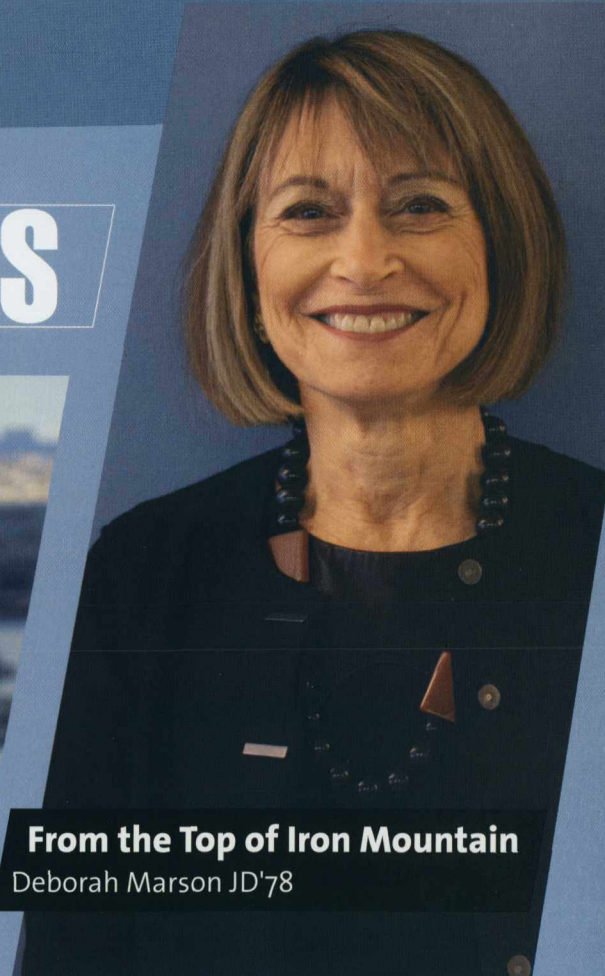
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**Best in the country
in Legal Technology**

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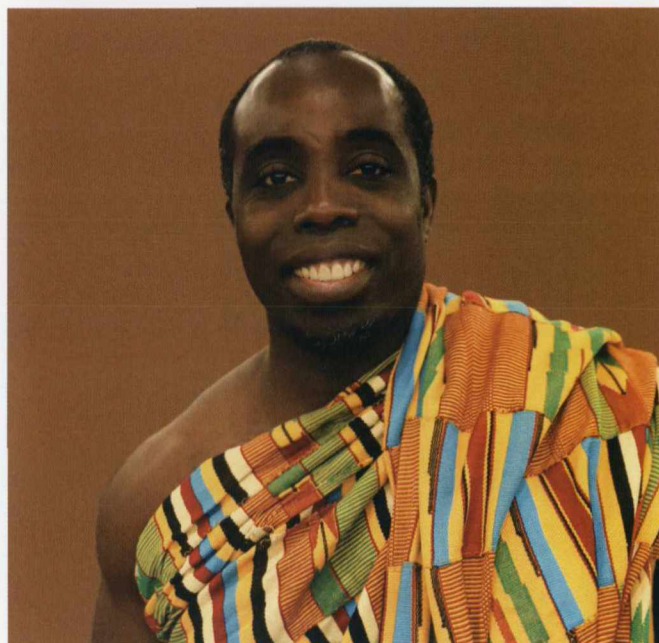
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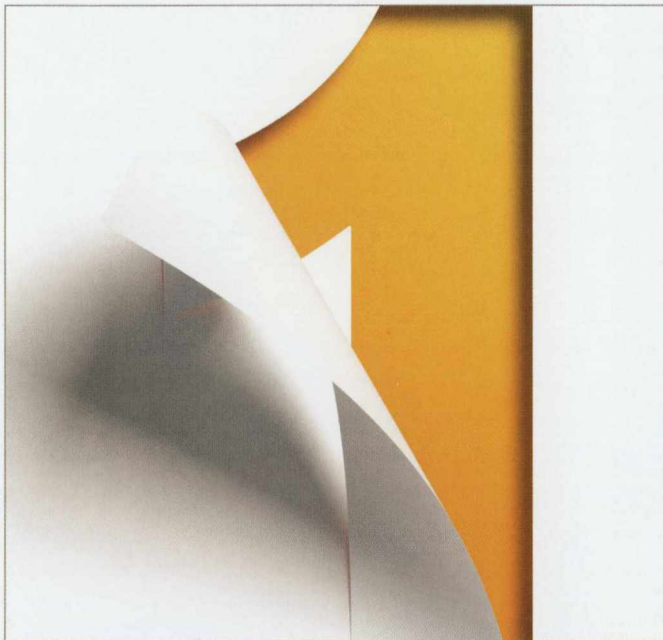
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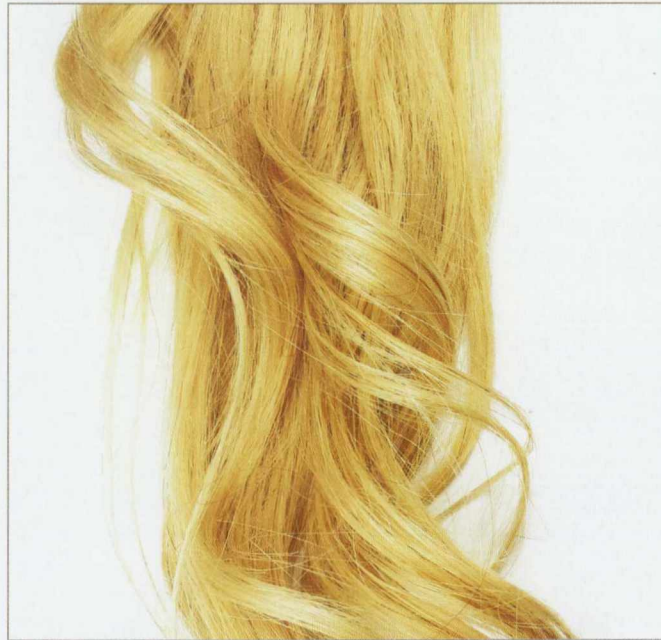
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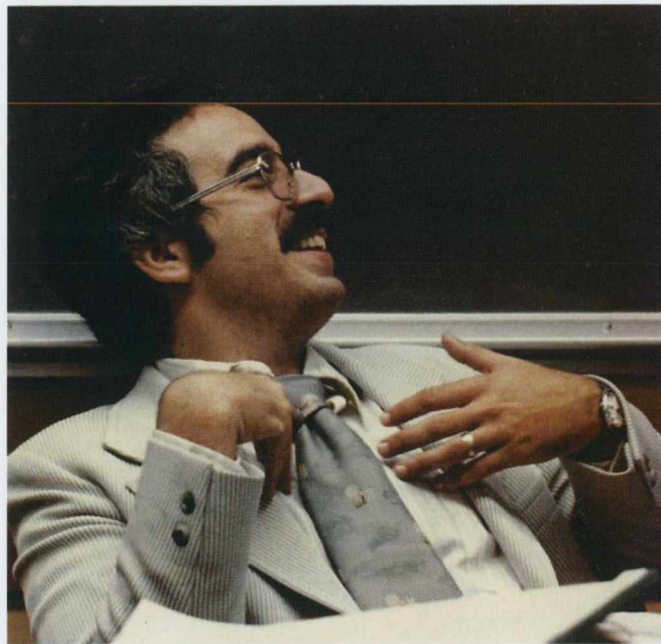
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Dean Andrew Perlman

For 113 years, Suffolk Law graduates have been change agents. Just a small number of their stories—your stories—appear in this issue of the *Suffolk Law Alumni Magazine*. From glass ceiling-shattering sports agents to a Ghanaian leader, Suffolk Law alumni are changing the way we think about what lawyers do.

That kind of impact begins with an outstanding legal education, and Suffolk Law's longstanding excellence is receiving national recognition. We are the only law school in the country that, for three years in a row, has had four top-20 legal skills specialties—clinics, dispute resolution, legal writing, and trial advocacy—in *U.S. News & World Report* (2017-19 editions). Through these programs, students have access to career-launching experiences, such as bringing a headline-grabbing case to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (p. 25).

We are also preparing students for the 21st century. *National Jurist* recently named Suffolk Law as the top law school in the nation in legal technology (p. 22). With access to a cutting-edge curriculum, students are getting jobs with titles that did not even exist ten years ago (p. 23). And with support from Pew Charitable Trusts, we are working on a pioneering project to use artificial intelligence to improve the public's access to legal information (p. 21).

Our programs and superb faculty are attracting remarkable law students. Applications to the Law School have increased in each of the last four years, and in the fall of 2018, we enrolled our most academically accomplished class in seven years. A notable 6% of entering first-year students already have a PhD, and many choose Suffolk because of our nationally ranked intellectual property program, which has held several major conferences over the last year and is planning more in the future (p. 24).

Suffolk Law students are taking full advantage of what we have to offer—last year, we reported the 5th-best graduate-employment outcomes in 30 years. Our recent graduates are following in the footsteps of generations of alumni, and I have no doubt that you will be reading about their work in this magazine and elsewhere in the decades to come.

Of course, we still have work to do. Like most law schools, we have seen a drop in our first-time bar pass rate. Although more than 80% of our graduates pass the bar within two years of graduation, our first-time bar pass rate can and should be higher. We have developed new policies and invested in additional resources that are starting to make a difference, and we will see more improvements in the years ahead.

All of these efforts require your support, and you have been stepping up to help. You teach networking skills (p. 33), serve on alumni committees (p. 40), hire our graduates, and mentor our students. You also give back financially by making creative donations (p. 32) and joining the growing ranks of Summa donors who contribute at least \$1,000 each year. And the Dean's Cabinet (p. 30), which includes alumni who have pledged at least \$50,000, now stands at 30 members since its inception only three years ago.

These efforts ultimately benefit our students. Many of them are the first in their families to be born in this country or go to college, but all of them share the same reason for coming to Suffolk Law—an opportunity for professional success through legal education.

On behalf of the entire Suffolk Law community, thank you for your support as we continue our 113-year tradition of offering an outstanding education that empowers the next generation of change agents.

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2020 rankings were unavailable at press time.

#1 in Nation: Legal Technology / *National Jurist* honors Suffolk Law with top spot



Suffolk Law was ranked #1 in the country in legal technology by *National Jurist*. The goal of the publication's fall 2018 ranking was to determine which schools best prepare students to meet the technological demands of the legal industry.

The publication's ranking included 30 schools. Harvard, Stanford, University of California-Berkeley, and Columbia all placed in the top 20, but Suffolk Law came out on top.

The Law School also earned a spot in *PreLaw Magazine's* Top 20 Most Innovative Law Schools shortlist. In January 2018, that publication called the school "an innovative force" in an extended profile, "How Suffolk Law is Redefining Practice-Ready."

So what exactly makes the school a national leader in legal tech? See our story on page 22.

Ocean State Leaders /

Nearly half the judges in R.I. and key legislative leaders are Suffolk graduates



PHOTO BY KENNETH C ZIRKEL

Rhode Island State House



PHOTO BY TABER ANDREW BAIN

Want to get a sense of the reach of Suffolk Law in the Ocean State?

Nearly half of the sitting state judges—and three of the five members of the Rhode Island Supreme Court—graduated from Suffolk Law.

Rhode Island's Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell JD'76 serves with Associate Justices Maureen McKenna Goldberg JD'78, HLLD'99 and Francis X. Flaherty JD'75. Chief Justice of the District Court is Jeanne E. LaFazia JD'80.

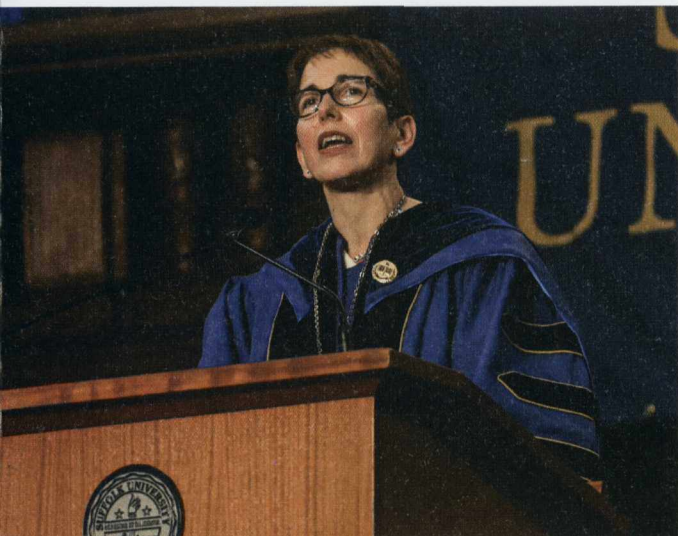
Judge Frank Caprio JD'65, HLLD'91, the Chief Municipal Judge in Providence, has been called a social media phenom and viral superstar by national publications

profiling his court's televised proceedings. His courtroom sessions have been viewed more than 1 billion times on social media, and he now has his own nationally syndicated TV series, *Caught in Providence*.

Our graduates lead other parts of the state government as well. The Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives (Nicholas Mattiello JD'88), the House Majority Leader (K. Joseph Shekarchi BS'84, JD'90), and the Senate Majority Leader (Michael McCaffrey JD'89) are all Suffolk Law alumni. And Allan W. Fung JD'95, the mayor of Cranston, R.I., was the GOP candidate for governor in 2018.

Inaugurating Our 11th President /

Dr. Marisa J. Kelly's appointment draws 1,300



President Marisa J. Kelly

The entire University community celebrated Suffolk Inauguration, Alumni and Family Weekend, October 11-14, 2018. The flagship event was the inauguration ceremony of our 11th president, Dr. Marisa J. Kelly, held in Converse Hall, Tremont Temple. An academic procession of over 500 marched from Sargent Hall, and over 1,300 alumni, faculty, students, staff, delegates, consuls, officials, external

community leaders, and special guests gathered for this historic occasion. Speakers included President Kelly; Supreme Judicial Court Justice Elspeth Cypher JD'86; Speaker Robert DeLeo JD'76, HLLD'09; Trustee Ernst Guerrier BS'91, JD'94; Senator Edward Markey HLLD'02; Mayor Martin J. Walsh HLLD'17; and other members of the University community. (See photos p. 38.)

In the National Spotlight / Veteran named Law Student of the Year

National Jurist magazine honors a handful of students each year with the title "Law Student of the Year." Justin Rhuda JD'19 earned the accolade this year, joining Cherina (Clark) Wright JD'17 and Cherie Ching JD'16 as recent winners.

"When we were asked whether there might be a student appropriate to nominate, it was Justin who immediately came to mind," said Dean of Students Laura Ferrari. "Justin earned the highest rank in the class and yet made time to serve the school and the community, all with a calm demeanor, which perhaps you need if you are one of the leaders of the Marine Corps' first global crisis response company—which he was."

Rhuda, a U.S. Marine Corps captain from 2010 to 2015, was stationed on a naval ship in the Persian Gulf during Operation Inherent Resolve (Iraq) in 2014 and 2015. He was second in command of a 180-person company of "911-style first responders in a team designed to rapidly address crises," he said.

Rhuda worked as a summer associate at Holland & Knight in 2018 and will be a full-time associate in the firm's IP practice next fall. As part of his pro bono work at the firm, he negotiated with a landlord to help a former U.S. Army prisoner of war avoid homelessness.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL CLARKE



**Justin Rhuda JD'19
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Inventing the Pop Top /

Entrepreneurship student turns to the IP Clinic



Five years ago, Cam Bishop BSBA'16 was a sophomore entrepreneurship major at Suffolk. While volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club in his hometown of Stoneham, Mass., he had “a eureka moment.”

“I started to notice a consistent problem at the club,” Bishop said. “Kids would keep asking me if I could open their twist-off water bottles for them.” They lacked the necessary grip strength to open larger lids. Further research revealed that the problem went beyond young children. The elderly, along with those suffering from arthritis or other physical conditions, reported similar frustrations.

Bishop decided to get serious about tackling the problem, developing the first prototype for what would become the Pop Top: a nalgene-style water

bottle featuring an easy-to-open “pop top.” The product’s development actually took about three years, Bishop said.

But he didn’t do it alone. Suffolk Law students in the Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic helped Bishop establish his operating entity; create the foundational documents he needed to launch the business, including a patent application and trademark registration; and familiarize himself with the annual reports he’d be required to file.

“I consider it a full time job—actually, it’s more like a 24/7 job,” Elveera Lacina JD’19 said of her work in the IP Clinic. “I find I’ll often go home at night or on the weekend and spend a lot of time working on some of these projects, but it doesn’t feel like work...

and I think that’s because we’re working with real people, on real issues they need resolved in order to pursue their big idea or passion. It’s so rewarding when we’re able to make that possible.”

“I noticed a consistent problem. Kids would ask if I could open their twist-off water bottles.”

—CAM BISHOP
BSBA’16

PHOTOS BY KATHRYN BANKS



Julia Ann Klutkowski JD’19, Cam Bishop BSBA’16, Professor Loletta Darden JD’91

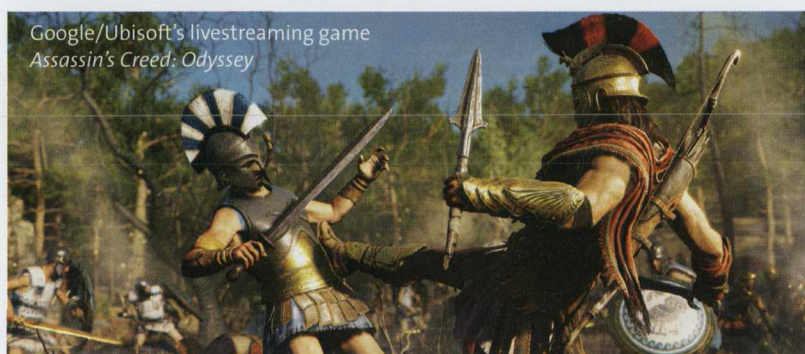
National Coverage for LIT Certificate /

Bloomberg

The launch of the Law School's online Legal Innovation & Technology (LIT) Certificate program was covered in Bloomberg News ("Law School Launches Program to Retrain Legal Industry," Nov. 7, 2017).

The LIT Certificate is open to anyone looking for an edge in an increasingly competitive legal industry, including lawyers, legal project managers, and legal operations professionals. The courses cover a range of cutting-edge topics, such as legal design thinking, legal project management and process improvement, legal operations, and navigating technological changes. The program has received considerable interest from legal professionals around the world, with students from countries spanning five continents.

Game on! / Scott Gerwin JD'06 and the future of gaming



Google/Ubisoft's livestreaming game
Assassin's Creed: Odyssey

Wondering what the future of video gaming might look like? Scott Gerwin JD'06, senior counsel at Google, is the legal mind behind Project Stream, the tech giant's effort to tackle some of the biggest challenges of streaming.

**The legal
mind
behind
Project
Stream**

Traditionally, video games are played through a console. But Project Stream players instead livestream a cloud-based game that's both smooth and visually crisp. For gamers, it's a big deal.

Streaming gaming platforms introduced by several companies have taken their share of critical lumps. But Project Stream, a partnership with game-maker Ubisoft, launched to largely favorable reviews in October 2018. CNET described the experience as "strikingly comparable" to that of the PS4 and Xbox One, two powerhouses in console gaming.

"You need the feedback on your screen to feel immediate and that's been the nut that nobody's been able to crack until now," Gerwin said. He's been product counsel for the project, handling a broad array of IP licensing, data privacy, and consumer protection issues.

New Director / Her portfolio: diversity and inclusion

Cherina Wright JD/MBA'17 was hired in 2018 as Suffolk Law's Director of Student Engagement & Inclusion. She provides strategic direction for the Law School's student diversity and inclusion efforts. Wright was named *National Jurist's* Law Student of the Year (Northeast region) in 2017. She served as a legal editor at Bloomberg BNA, interned for Justice Geraldine S. Hines of the Supreme Judicial Court (MA), and received two Massachusetts Governor Citation Awards.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL CLARKE



A Lifetime's Battle, Honored / Women's Bar Association celebrates Prof. Day

The Women's Bar Association (WBA) honored Suffolk Law Professor Emerita Kate Nace Day with its lifetime achievement award for pioneering female attorneys. Day received the award during the WBA's 40th Anniversary Gala on October 24. The WBA's press release described Day as "a phenomenal role model," lauding her successful advocacy of legal protections for sex trafficking survivors.

In her award-winning documentary, *A Civil Remedy*, Day profiled one American girl who was trafficked for sex in Boston. The film presented commentary by women's rights activist Gloria Steinem and Harvard Kennedy School sex trafficking expert

Siddharth Kara, pressing for laws that recognize exploitation and violence in the sex trade and empower victims to hold their violators accountable.

The documentary was an important part of the successful advocacy effort for a comprehensive anti-trafficking law in Massachusetts.

Day's current project is "Without Consent," a multimedia exhibition inspired by photographs of women arrested for prostitution in Denver. You can find out more about the advocacy work of Day and her husband, Research Professor Russ Murphy, at their website filmandlaw.com.



Research Professor Russ Murphy and Professor Emerita Kate Nace Day

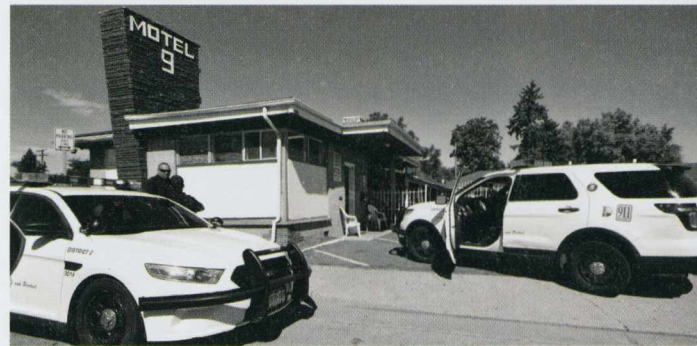
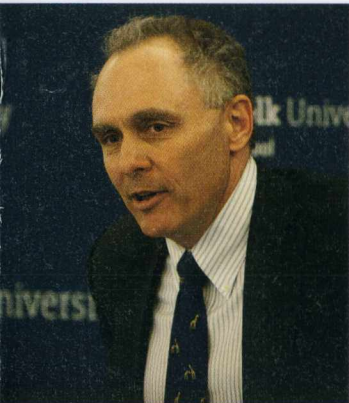


Photo by Taylor Cadwell from the *Without Consent* exhibit



Professor William Berman, director of the Housing Discrimination Testing Program

**\$3.1 million
in grants
since 2012**

Taking On Housing Discrimination / Effort results in consent decree

They seemed like a regular family with children, looking for an apartment in the city.

But when the would-be renters called offices of a Boston rental agency, they were refused information about advertised rentals and were steered away from apartments that were not de-leaded.

What the rental agents didn't know was that these renters were actually students from Suffolk University Law School's Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP) posing as renters with children. Based on the results of their housing discrimination testing, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination initiated a formal complaint and investigation into the leasing practices of the offices of a Boston rental agency.

MCAD Commissioner Sheila A. Hubbard determined there was sufficient evidence to support the allegations of housing discrimination under state and federal anti-discrimination laws. MCAD entered into a consent decree with the rental agency, which agreed to cease any discriminatory leasing practices, make a charitable donation of \$6,000 to Suffolk's testing program, and send agents to fair housing training.

Suffolk's HDTP is funded by grants—\$3.1 million since 2012—from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Boston Foundation, and the Hyams Foundation. The Program fights housing discrimination in the Boston metro area through testing, enforcement, education, and research.

Live Coverage of the Kavanaugh Hearings /

Students and faculty take media questions

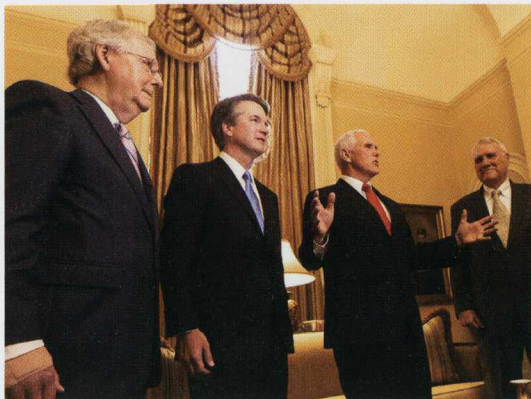


Image courtesy of the Office of the Vice President

Media coverage of Suffolk Law students and faculty weighing in on the Judge Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court confirmation hearings included the *Wall Street Journal*, *The Hill*, the *Boston Globe*, NBC News 10, and New England Cable News. The *Wall Street Journal* visited the school on September 27 to get live reactions from our students, many of whom gathered on the 4th floor

to watch the hearings. The *Journal's* live blog post, "Law Students in Boston Gather for 'Historic Event,'" included quotes from second-year student Douglas Bennett and third-year student Andrea Ramirez. The *Boston Globe* turned for comment to Professor Rosanna Cavallaro, a criminal law expert and former state assistant attorney general.

Suffolk In (the) House

Recent research on graduate employment revealed Suffolk Law's wide-ranging impact in the corporate sector. The school has more than 1,000 alumni serving as in-house counsel at companies such as Biogen, Bose, the Boston Red Sox, Brookstone, Dell, Fidelity, Google, Gillette, Harvard, Hasbro, IBM, Iron Mountain, Panera, Reebok, State Street, Suffolk Construction, and Vertex.



Pressuring the Guatemalan Government /

After an unsuccessful domestic legal court case and continued government raids of indigenous community radio stations in Guatemala, indigenous organizations reached out to Suffolk's Indigenous Peoples Rights Clinic. The clinic filed a petition with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. That petition was admitted for review on the merits last summer. The effort puts pressure on the Guatemalan government to recognize its indigenous peoples' rights to freedom of expression.



Nicole Friederichs JD'03, director, Indian Law and Indigenous Peoples Clinic

All Rise / Celebrating 80 years of Suffolk Law women

Suffolk Law celebrated more than 80 years of women at the Law School with a fall event—*All Rise: Uniting to Advance Women and the Future of Law*. It was a breath of fresh air, at turns funny, defiant, humble, and emotionally powerful. The gathering was as varied and inspiring as the two dozen or so alumnae leaders who participated as organizers, speakers, or award-winners.

Suffolk Law alumnae have a track record of shattering the glass ceiling, a history that began over 80 years ago with Marian Archer JD'37, the first woman to graduate from the school, and the beloved Professor Catherine T. Judge JD'57, LL.M.'60, our first full-time female professor. The All Rise event culminated with inaugural awards honoring the legacy of these women.

The Marian Archer Trailblazer Award winners

Judge Linda Stewart Dalianis JD'74, a strong but compassionate icon, willed her way through a system and a culture that had very little space for female lawyers. And where there was no space, Judge Dalianis made some.

From humble beginnings as an evening student working her way through law school, she became the first woman to serve on the New Hampshire Supreme Court and the first woman to become the Court's Chief Justice. She also was the first woman appointed Chief Justice of the state's Superior Court.

Deborah Marson JD'78, the Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Iron Mountain, faced challenges climbing the ranks to top leadership positions at large multinational corporations. Those challenges only became more pronounced as she took on a portfolio that crossed borders and cultures. Among other career highlights, Marson opened the Gillette Company's legal offices in Asia and Latin America (read more about Marson on page 20).

Suffolk Law alumnae have a track record of shattering the glass ceiling



Judge Linda Stewart Dalianis JD'74



Deborah Marson JD'78



Professor Emerita Karen Blum JD'74



Professor Ilene Seidman

The Catherine T. Judge Teaching and Service Award Winners

Professor Emerita Karen Blum JD'74 was one of the first evening students at Suffolk to be an editor of the *Law Review*, at a time when there were few women in law school.

That was just the start of a pioneering career. She remained a steady and witty voice for the underdog throughout her 40-year tenure at Suffolk Law.

Her incredible command of federal civil rights litigation, including numerous articles and books, helped her to become one of the foremost experts in the country in that area. She single-handedly

built a network of judges who agreed to take on Suffolk Law students as interns—trailblazing the First-Year Summer Internship Program.

Professor Ilene Seidman has devoted the bulk of her legal and teaching career to combating domestic violence and sexual assault—and she has taught generations of students to do the same. She was instrumental in the founding of the Victim Rights Law Center, a first-in-the-nation provider of legal services for sexual assault survivors.

WHO'S THE LEADER?

Can you name the Suffolk Law alumni/ae?

- ① Two Justices on Supreme Judicial Court



- ② Four of the 11 District Attorneys



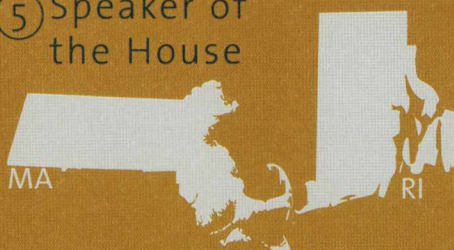
- ③ Secretary of State



- ④ Chief Justice, Juvenile Court



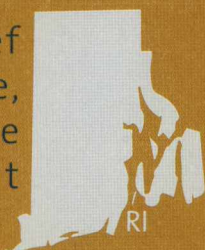
- ⑤ Speaker of the House



- ⑥ Chief Public Defender



- ⑦ Chief Justice, Supreme Court



- ⑧ House and Senate Majority Leaders



- ⑨ Three Justices, Supreme Court



- ⑩ Leader, Navy JAG Reserve Community



- ⑪ U.S. Representative, MA, 9th District



- ⑫ President, National Conference of Bar Presidents



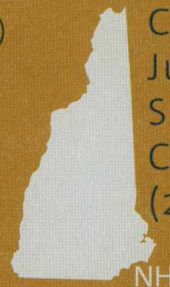
- ⑬ Chief Justice, Supreme Court



- ⑭ Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Puerto Rico



- ⑮ Chief Justice, Supreme Court (2010-2018)



change agent making history

**Kim Miale JD'04 on working for Jay-Z;
representing NFL stars** / BY TOM MASHBERG

Whenever Kim Miale JD'04 negotiates a contract for a pro football player, she asks him to autograph a jersey for her office wall. One of those clients, Dez Bryant, a star NFL wide receiver who hired Miale as his agent in 2015, added an unexpected inscription:

"To Killer Kim," he wrote.

"That was pretty funny to me," said Miale, a circumspect and soft-spoken 38-year-old who, at 5 feet 4 inches tall, is quick to acknowledge that she hardly seems lethal. "I guess what he meant is I get stuff done."

There is little doubt that Miale (pronounced MY-ah-lee) is getting things done as one of the premiere sports agents in a business that skews 95 percent male. As general counsel since 2013 for Roc Nation Sports, founded by the entrepreneur Jay-Z, she has represented four top-10 players in the NFL draft, including the No. 2 overall selection in 2018, Saquon Barkley, a superstar rookie for the New York Giants.

Those would be formidable credentials for anyone immersed in the cut-throat shark tank that is professional sports representation. For Miale, one of only 42 women certified as football agents in a field with 800 men, it constitutes a glass-ceiling-shattering triumph. As *Sports Illustrated* put it in a headline in April: "Kim Miale Made History."

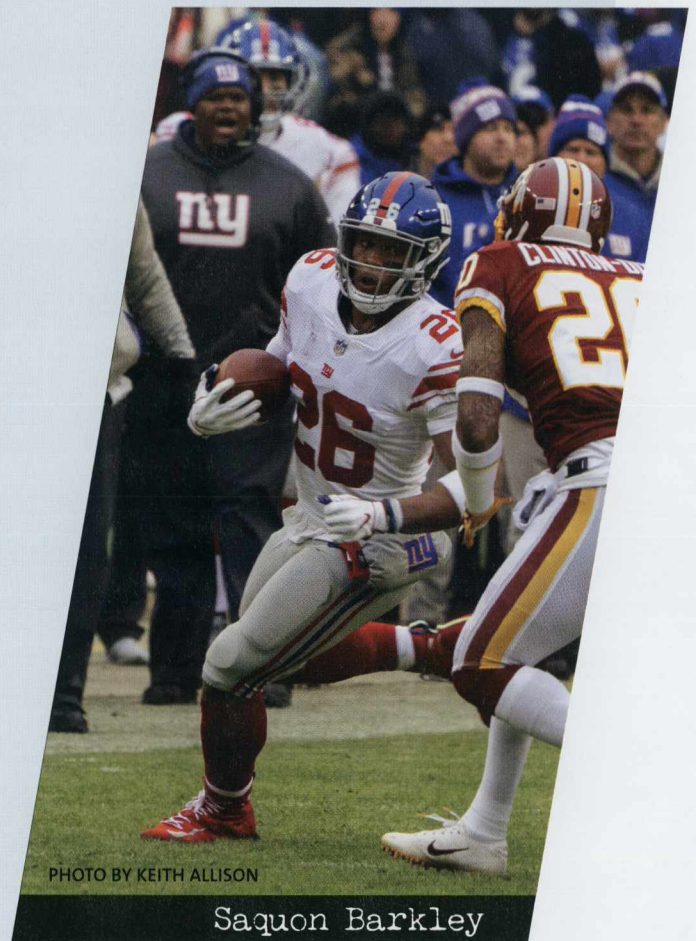
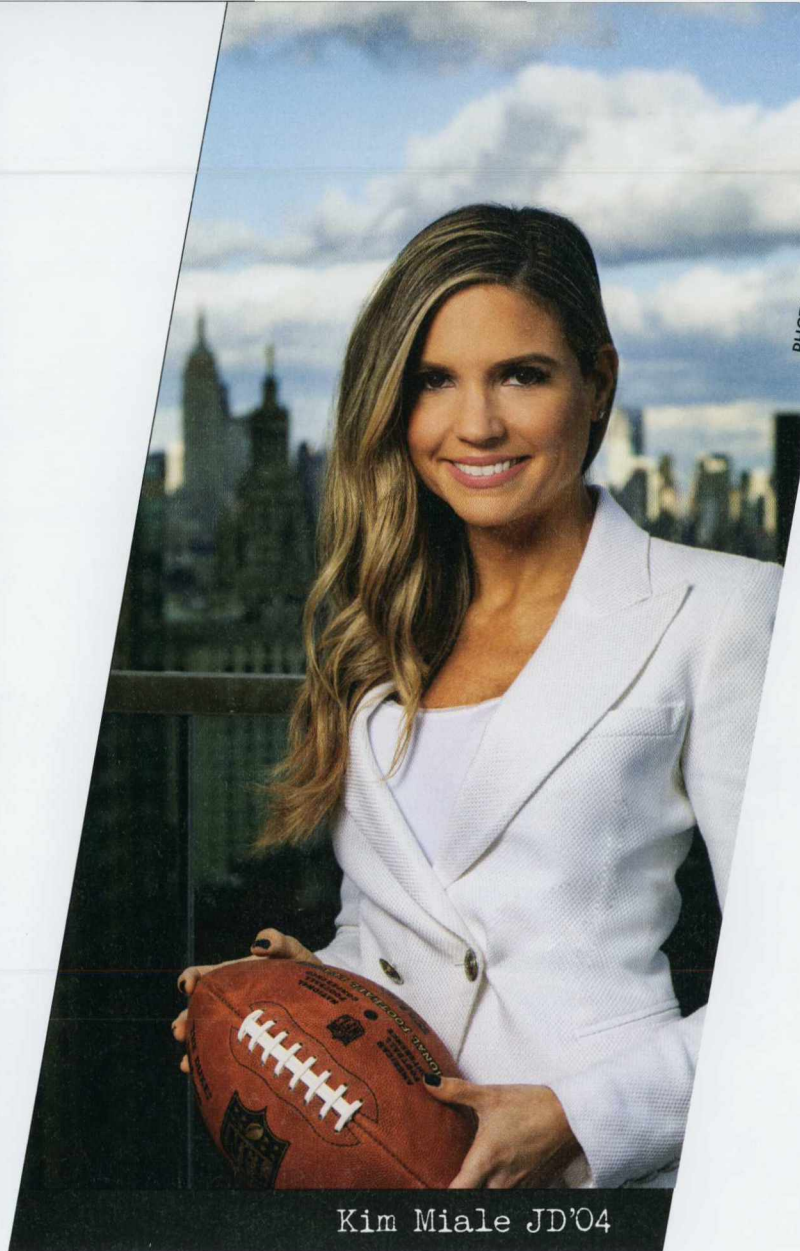


PHOTO BY KEITH ALLISON

Saquon Barkley



Kim Miale JD'04

"I'm sure my competitors have played up my gender as a negative to signing with me," Miale said. "But really, I treat it as an advantage." For one thing, she said, it helps her stand out in an ocean of male agents. For another, many of the players she recruits come from families with strong female authority figures and role models.

"That makes it very comfortable for them to sign with a woman and have a woman continue to advise them in their business and career pursuits," she said. "And it's very easy for me to forge relationships with my clients' mothers or sisters or grandmothers. Obviously we relate on a different level than perhaps a male agent would."

The test to become an NFL agent

The business end of pro sports wasn't Miale's first career choice on graduating with honors from Suffolk, although she now says, "I can't picture doing anything else."

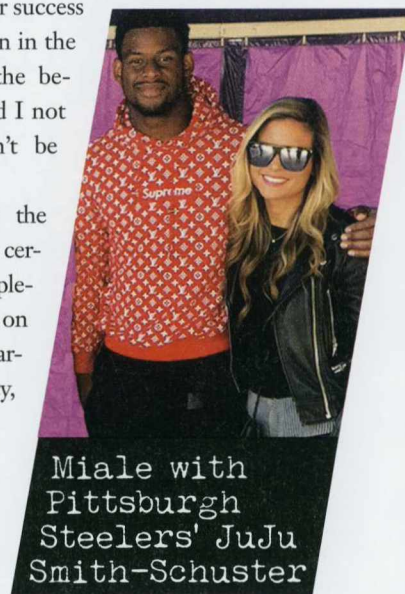
During her time at the Law School, the Rhode Island-born Miale focused largely on litigation and contracts. It seemed like a good career path, she thought, and after graduating in 2004 she spent a year as a clerk on the Connecticut Superior Court. She then joined the Boston law firm Heifetz Rose and set to work as a civil litigation associate.

"But I realized I just wasn't that passionate about it," Miale said. "I couldn't do something that I didn't personally love."

She found herself thinking back to when she had interned with Kristen Kuliga JD'94, who in 2001 became the first female agent to represent any pro football player—Doug Flutie. In a daring step for any young agent, let alone a female one, Kuliga had started her own company, K Sports & Entertainment LLC, in Boston, and was building a solid roster of pro athletes looking for playing contracts and novel marketing opportunities. Kuliga was also eager to mentor up-and-coming Suffolk students.

"Kristen was a tough negotiator and a great example for me to look to," Miale said. "Her success when there were so few women in the business definitely gave me the belief that I could do it too. Had I not interned with her, I wouldn't be where I am."

Miale started researching the NFL Players Association's agent certification test, a lengthy multiple-choice exam that focuses on matters as varied as collective bargaining, substance abuse policy,



Miale with Pittsburgh Steelers' JuJu Smith-Schuster

rights and benefits, and the rules and regulations governing sports agents themselves.

She sat for the test in 2009, one of perhaps two dozen women in a Washington ballroom filled with more than 200 men. That gender imbalance did not throw her off, she said, “because coming into it from a litigation background, I was used to being the only woman in the room.” Miale easily made the grade.

A job interview with Jay-Z

Aware that breaking into the top echelons of sports representation can take years of networking and persistence, Miale said she adopted a simple mindset: “Don’t let the odds or statistics dictate your goals in life. If you spend time worrying about those things, you’re never going to get where you want to be.”

By 2013, Miale was living in New York City with her husband, John Kelley JD’03, and working as a contract adviser for an established firm, Madison Avenue Sports & Entertainment. About that time, Jay-Z was looking to add sports representation to his Roc Nation portfolio, and the president of Miale’s agency put her name forward.

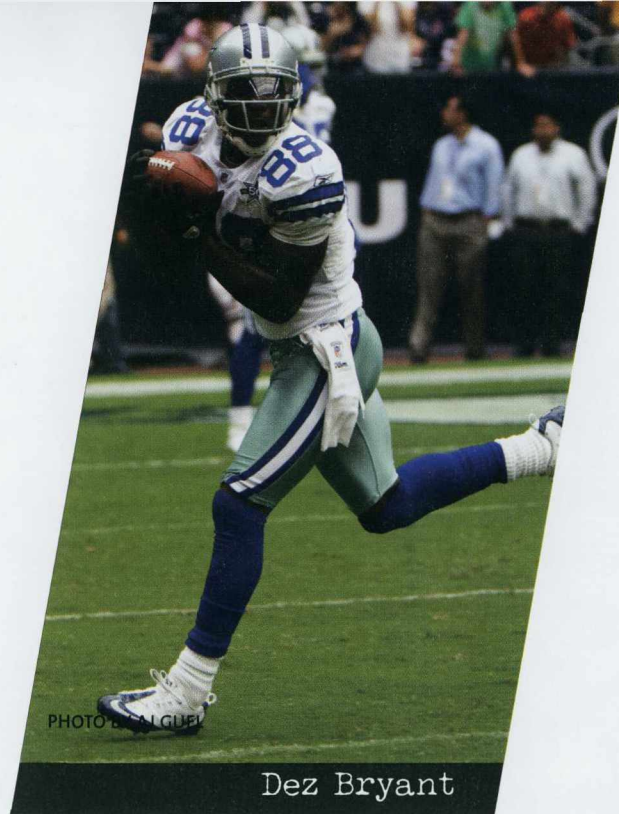
It turned out that Roc Nation was looking for someone young and motivated, she said, and after a friendly interview and a meeting with Jay-Z she was offered the job.

“The focus for us is quality, not quantity,” she said. “We don’t try to sign as many as possible. In fact, I get the opposite directive—pick one or two guys who would be a great fit for this agency and focus on them.”

Her first big-name client was Geno Smith, a quarterback she signed with the New York Jets. The visibility his signing brought her led to predictable back-biting. Rival agents complained to the players association and the media that Miale had violated union regulations by letting Jay-Z meet with Smith before closing his deal. Under union rules, only certified agents can recruit clients. The insinuation was that Smith had signed only because of Jay-Z’s influence.

“I did not anticipate the kind of negativity that went on,” Miale said. “It was definitely a challenge at the time.” But true to form, she remained diplomatic and unflappable while the union investigated the claim—and dismissed it.

Soon, Miale was representing a bevy of major players. In addition to Smith and Bryant, she landed top-10 running backs like Leonard Fournette of the Jacksonville Jaguars and Todd Gurley of the Los Angeles Rams. Her stature rose even higher in July 2018, when she negotiated a four-year, \$31.2 million deal for Barkley.



Negotiating on the “helmet to helmet” rule

When negotiating contracts, Miale draws on her Law School training to protect players from unforeseen pitfalls. While bargaining with one team, for example, she pressed for a provision that gave her client control over his medical treatment in the event of injury. (Citing confidentiality, Miale declined to name the player.) Not long after, the player was injured and disagreed with the team on his rehab schedule. The language Miale had insisted on prevented the team from revoking millions in payments.

In another negotiation, Miale bore down on a provision that said a player could forfeit millions of dollars in pay if he were “suspended by the league for any reason.” The language was intended to address players’ off-field conduct. But Miale realized the same terms could be cited if a player were suspended under the NFL’s new “helmet to helmet” rules, which are aimed at disciplining players for illegal contact on the field.

“They agreed it was a valid point and carved out any suspensions due to this specific rule,” she said. (According to NBC Sports, when other players learned of the clause they started asking their agents to negotiate the same protections.)

But most of all, Miale relishes the relationships she develops with her clients and their families. A typical Sunday or Monday, she said, will find her “checking in with them after their game, no matter what, to hear whether they’ve played well or struggled or, God forbid, they’ve been injured.”

The players are putting “their hopes and dreams and livelihoods in your hands,” she added. “You have to take that seriously.”

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THEY'VE GOT GAME

SOX LEGAL MANAGER, NFL AGENT SHARE NOTES FROM THE BIG LEAGUES

BY TOM MASHBERG

As they break new ground in the male-dominated world of sports business, two successful Suffolk Law alumnae say they have seen important advancements in the hiring and promotion of women, but that some barriers will take time to overcome.

Kristen Kuliga JD'94 was certified as an NFL agent in 2001 and for nearly a decade was the sole woman representing an NFL player (Doug Flutie). She has mentored both male and female Suffolk Law students seeking careers as agents and founded K Sports & Entertainment in Boston in 2002. She has made her way forward, she said, by ignoring skeptics and naysayers "and always trying to come up with better ways to get the business." Recently she merged her company with Vanguard Sports Group and the combined entities represent some 40 professional athletes.

For Mandy (Eysie) Petrillo JD'06, senior manager of legal operations for the Boston Red Sox, two key factors helped her land her "dream job"—working for the team she has revered since her childhood in Foxboro, Mass.

First, she said, was her persistent networking, an approach she urges all Law School students to adopt. The other was "the fact that the Red Sox organization has placed a very high importance on elevating women who are qualified into leadership positions."

Her time at Suffolk, she said, readied her for a job that has her drafting contracts for beverage sponsorships, charitable promotions, the rights to use the Red Sox logo, and other matters. She tells students to gain experience with contracts and develop other practical legal skills because "you have something to offer when you get your resume in front of someone."

"I've never been of the mind that I was disadvantaged because I'm a woman," Petrillo added. "It's hard to get into this industry in general, so I don't look at it so much as 'it's harder



Mandy (Eysie) Petrillo JD'06

SOME IMPORTANT ADVANCEMENTS —AND SOME BARRIERS

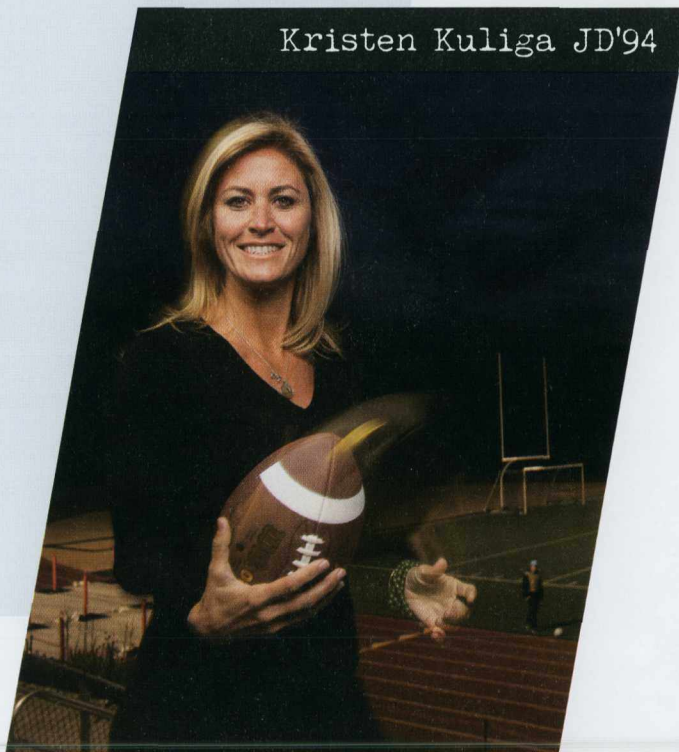
to be a female.' I just went forward as if I was competing with everyone."

Both women said the #MeToo movement has had an impact on the profession. Colleagues tell them some companies are recruiting female employees because they think more diversity will contribute to a more professional atmosphere. But they have also heard of a few companies that are shying away from hiring women to avoid the possibility that male employees will act inappropriately.

"The biggest change is that larger agencies have opened up more hiring opportunities," said Kuliga, who started at a time when athletes and team officials often overlooked her abilities because of her gender.

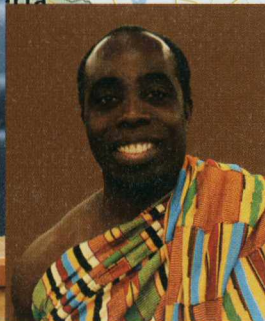
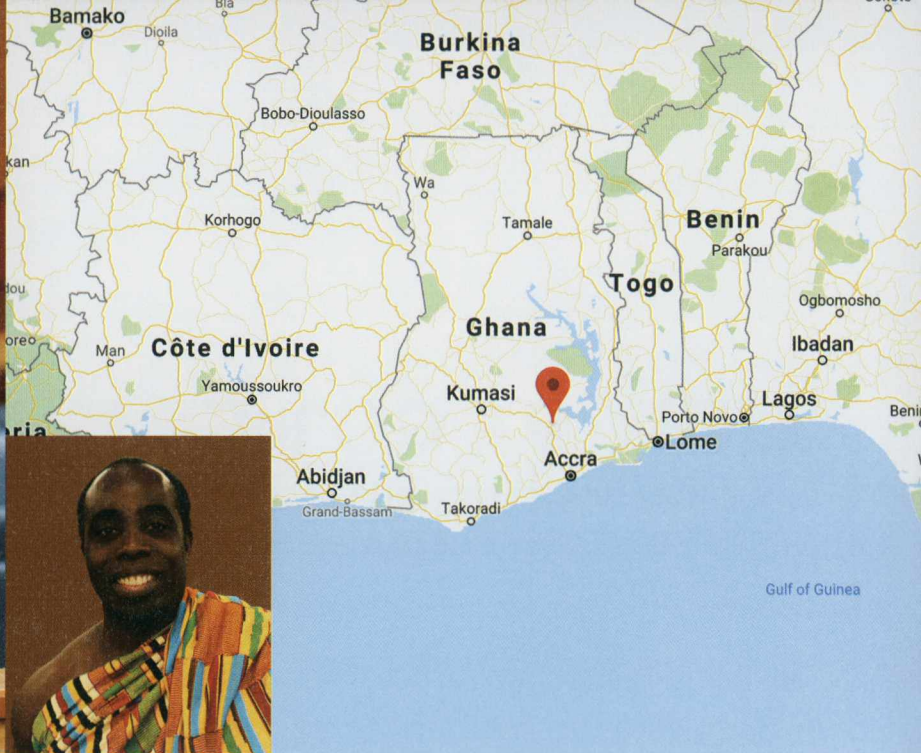
"For the business as a whole," she added, "the more women there are, the less discrimination and sexual harassment there will be."

Kristen Kuliga JD'94





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Kwabena Kyei-Aboagye, Jr. JD'09 serves as an environmental program manager for the United States Environmental Protection Agency. In May 2019, he also will have a new role: a lifetime position as chief of the town of Dwenase, Ghana.

One of the reasons you were selected to run Dwenase is your work on environmental projects there since the 2000s. Tell us about the projects and what you hope to accomplish.

One of the biggest challenges in the town is schistosomiasis, a disease second only to malaria in terms of its toll on human health, according to WHO. The disease causes anemia and malnutrition. Gold mining has polluted the river in the town, leaving large areas of the river stagnant and a breeding ground for disease. For many years, I have been working with engineering professors from the U.S. on studying the makeup of the water and identifying safe alternative spots where children can bathe. We've also been working on plans for returning the river to its natural flow, including reforestation along the banks.

One of my goals as chief is to move the people of the town away from the destruction of mining and instead encourage large-scale farming where we would grow cocoa crops and open a chocolate-producing factory.

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King and Queen Mother

The vetting process for Kyei-Aboagye's position as chief of Dwenase, 65 miles north of the capital, ultimately concluded with his appointment by the King and Queen Mother of the Ghanaian state of Akyem Abuakwa. He also was a key player in launching Ghana's University College for Agriculture and Environmental Studies.

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This past June, immigration attorney Jeffrey B. Rubin JD'98 of Rubin Pomerleau in Boston served as co-counsel before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Pereira v. Sessions*. He and his partner, along with three lawyers from Goodwin Procter, won the case in an 8-1 decision. Justice Alito dissented.

Pereira v. Sessions is widely seen as an impactful decision. Tell us about it.

My client, Wesley Pereira, is one of hundreds of thousands of immigrants who received notices to appear in immigration court for deportation proceedings that had no date, time, or place listed. Immigration rules state that immigrants' deportation may be waived if they can prove that they have lived in the U.S. for 10 years without significant breaks in their stay and if they have been of good moral character. The clock on your stay—working toward that 10 years—stops once you receive a notice to appear.

The Supreme Court agreed with us that a notice devoid of detail shouldn't stop the clock, and that has meant that thousands of immigrants nationwide now qualify for relief and possibly thousands more will have their cases outright dismissed. Many, if not most, have no criminal record and are supporting families that have U.S. citizens in them. In an otherwise dark time with mass deportation, this case has been a huge bright spot.

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Jennifer Parent JD'95 is the president of the National Conference of Bar Presidents and Director & Chair of the Litigation Department at McLane Middleton.

Are there notable stories that stand out from your work with bar associations, either in New Hampshire or nationally?

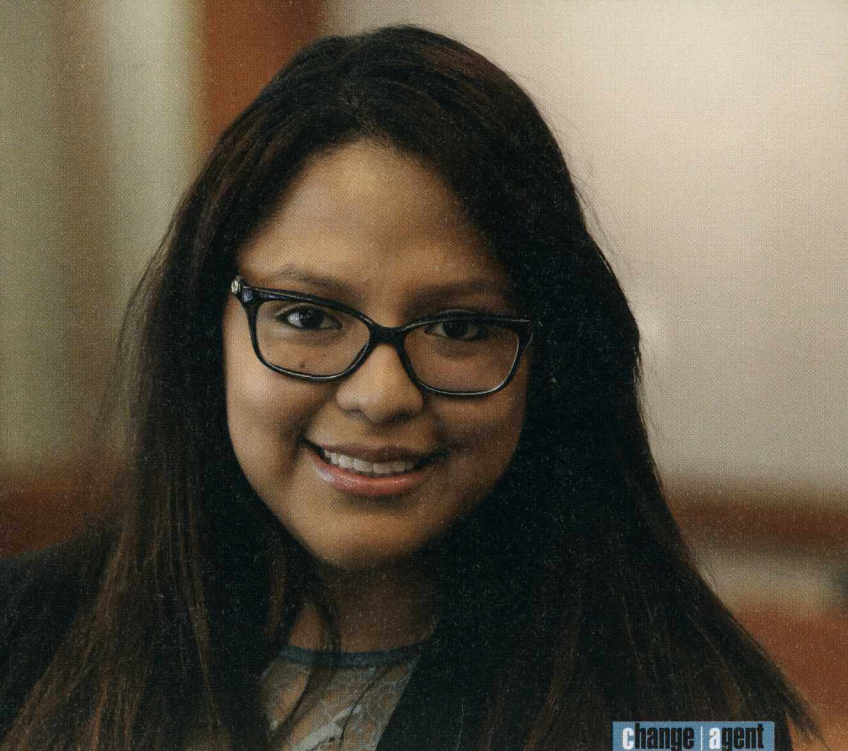
When I served as president of the New Hampshire Bar Association, we presented an interactive civics program using questions from the U.S. citizenship test. The reactions of audience members were interesting when we didn't reveal the source of the questions until the end. We asked, "Do you know where we got these questions from? Could you have passed the test? Would you be a U.S. citizen today?"

Recently, one of many innovative National Conference of Bar Presidents' programs included educating bar leaders about hackathons. The idea is to bring together lawyers and a diverse array of stakeholders to collaboratively work on tangible solutions to legal services problems. For example, the "Mansfield Rule" came out of a hackathon.

Would you be a U.S. citizen today?

Editor's note: Law firms that pledge to follow the "Mansfield Rule," modeled on the NFL's Rooney Rule, require that at least 30 percent of the candidates for leadership and governance roles are women and minorities.

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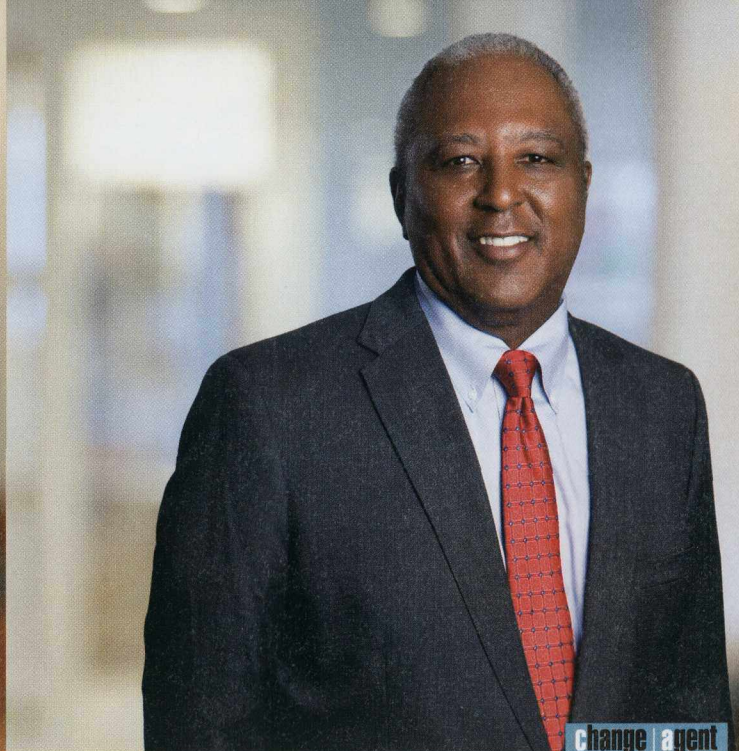
Leila Fajardo Giles JD'18, a Peruvian immigrant and enrollee in the DACA "Dreamer" program, represented a Central American teen in an asylum case.

In the school's Immigration Clinic, you helped a 16-year-old woman gain asylum. What led you to join the clinic and what was the case about?

avoiding a life of persecution

As an immigrant with personal experience in the immigration system, I thought, "Now I'm in a position where I can use my legal knowledge to help someone else who might not have a voice." My client, a woman not much younger than I am, was able to avoid a life of persecution, and that was the proudest moment of my Law School career. My main role was preparing her for her asylum interview with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. I spent many hours helping her detail the severe abuse she suffered in her home country and preparing the legal argument for the case.

Fajardo Giles is an immigration law clerk at Barrales Law in Boston.



E. Macey Russell JD'83 is a partner in the Litigation Department at Choate Hall & Stewart LLP in Boston.

In your opinion, what are the primary challenges that minority lawyers face in the profession?

Minority attorneys in law firms have difficulty finding committed teachers, mentors, and sponsors willing to help them reach their full professional potential. In particular, minority attorneys face barriers that include (i) senior partners, an overwhelming majority of whom are white, generally lack "socialization experiences" with minorities that might allow relationships to develop organically, and (ii) unconscious and implicit bias of senior partners. These barriers are evident in studies finding that people tend to connect with people who look like them and have similar life experiences. As an additional barrier, minority attorneys are not fully aware, prepared, and equipped to handle these challenges. To further complicate matters, senior partners focus almost exclusively on client service and profitability without regard to diversity and inclusion. Law firms should focus on providing senior partners with leadership and diversity training to better equip them to teach, mentor, and sponsor minority attorneys that they invite to work at their firms.

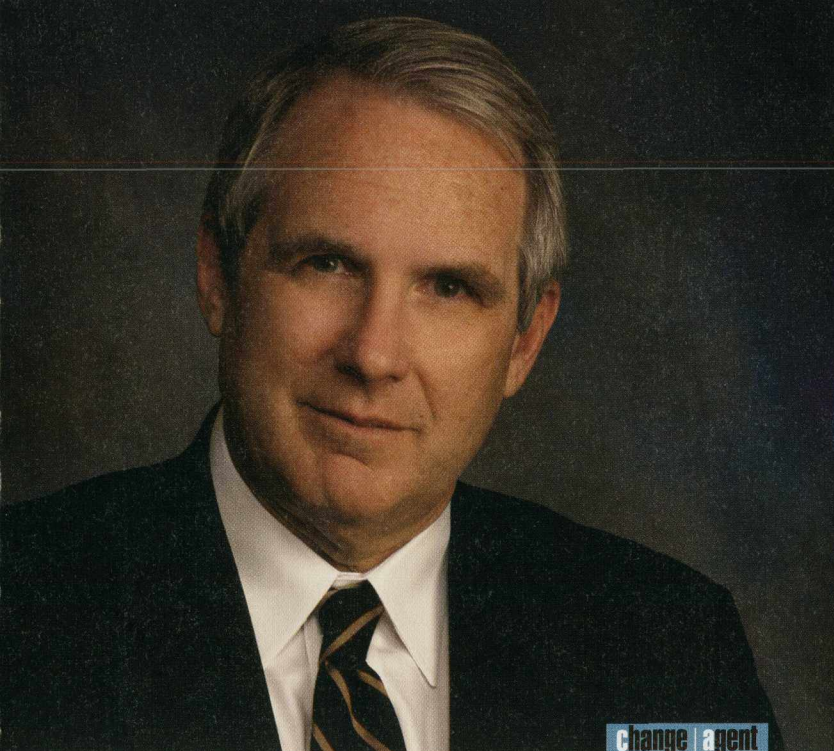
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In December 2018, Russell was honored with the Boston Bar Association Voice of Change Award for advancing diversity and inclusion in the profession. He serves on Suffolk University's Board of Trustees.





Paul Reiber is chief justice of the Supreme Court of Vermont and president of the Conference of Chief Justices.

What is your central focus with the Conference of Chief Justices?

A central focus of my work is access to justice. Equal access to justice is the cornerstone of our democracy. This year I am proud to be working with so many who are dedicated to this principle. All who work in our profession have a special responsibility to the institutions of democracy and in particular to the quality of justice. The people's trust in government, in the rule of law, is threatened if our system of justice is unfair, arbitrary, or beyond the means of those who come to court. I am grateful to all who work to enhance public trust through support of the work of state courts to improve access to justice.

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Professor Tranquil Salvador III LLM'og is the host of an award-winning, national prime-time TV talk show based in metro Manila.

Your show has a big following in the Philippines. What draws people to it?

The TV show tackles practical issues of law to help the ordinary Filipino resolve their day-to-day problems. The show is called *Patakaram*, which means "rules" in Filipino. My goal is to help explain the rule of law to the common man, and that means inviting top government leaders, high court judges, legislators, newsmakers, and other experts to discuss legal topics ranging from government corruption and extra-judicial killings to violence against women and tenants' rights.

In one episode I interviewed the chief public information officer, Undersecretary Derrick Carreon, about abuses of law operatives in drug operations and how those abuses are investigated by the government. I asked whether there were direct orders to terminate drug pushers and addicts.

In another episode, I asked the chief of police of Quezon City about President Duterte's concept of aggressive law enforcement in government—for his view on whether the president's revolutionary approaches in apprehending criminals are within the bounds of law.

orders to terminate drug pushers

Salvador served as spokesperson and member of the defense team for former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines Renato Corona during impeachment proceedings. He serves on the law faculty at Ateneo de Manila University and University of the Philippines.

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Deborah Marson JD'78 is the executive vice president, general counsel and secretary of Iron Mountain, where she also serves as one of the leaders of the Fortune 700 company's corporate social responsibility efforts.

Iron Mountain regularly brings on Suffolk Law students for internships, and you've played a big role. What's your take on mentorship?

If you're serving in a role where you have the ability to impact the trajectory of a person's career, I think it's useful to consider the difference between mentorship and sponsorship.

I see a mentor providing meaningful advice about managing one's career, defining goals, and helping move through work challenges. A lot of people at a company give advice on how to channel your skill set. They may tell you to "find a big project to highlight your skills."

But sometimes advice isn't enough. You need a sponsor to clear the way. A sponsor is willing to step off of the sidelines, spend some of her social capital, and take a risk to help someone move ahead.

If you have a good chemistry with a younger person or someone new to the field, someone who brings a combination of intellect, desire, leadership skills, and work ethic, you ought to consider taking on the more active role of sponsorship.

spending her social capital

Marson is a member of the Dean's Cabinet and served on the Suffolk University Board of Trustees for eight years. This fall, she received the Law School's inaugural Marian Archer Trailblazer Award.



Peter Devlin JD'85 is the president and chief executive officer of Fish & Richardson, a premier global intellectual property law firm.

Under your leadership, Fish has become known for market leadership in intellectual property; tell us something else about the firm that makes you proud.

I am very proud of our robust pro bono program, and in particular, the dedication of our attorneys to pro bono immigration matters. While the headlines have tracked the sharp rise in people seeking asylum in the U.S., what you don't see is the difficult and complex legal process that asylum seekers must navigate. In our IP practice, we help clients navigate difficult and complicated legal processes, so asylum work is a good fit for us.

Very few immigration detainees have legal counsel. The majority are not economic migrants—they fled horrifying violence in their home countries. Their stories are heartbreaking, and our attorneys only have a short time to present the facts of their case in the best possible way to help them win asylum. It is challenging work, but highly rewarding.

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THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT?

A crowdsourcing game improves access to

justice / BY ERIKA RICKARD AND LESTER BIRD



When looking for answers to legal questions, people increasingly start their searches online. But what they find isn't always very useful—prompting the law schools at Suffolk University and Stanford to team up to harness artificial intelligence (AI) to help people identify their specific legal issues.

Historically, machines have struggled to understand context in human speech. For example, if someone says, “I’m getting kicked out of my house,” most people understand that the person is not being physically kicked but is rather being evicted. But machines typically can’t understand “kicked out of my house” as “evicted” without being trained through a large number of similar questions.

Stanford’s Design Lab and Suffolk Law’s Legal Innovation & Technology (LIT) Lab, with funding and support from The Pew Charitable Trusts, have collected thousands of online questions about possible legal issues to start developing a data set that can serve to train a natural language processor (NLP)—a subset of AI focused on understanding context in speech. An NLP could recognize that people who seek information online about getting “kicked out” of their rental property, without using the legal term “eviction,” need insight into eviction law.

NLPs work by examining data sets of questions and looking for patterns in words and phrases that match up to a legal term. For example, if hundreds of questions in a database used the phrase “I’m being

kicked out” and those questions were all identified by experts as dealing with the legal issue of eviction, then the NLPs would learn that if a person says “I’m getting kicked out,” there is a good chance that person is being evicted.

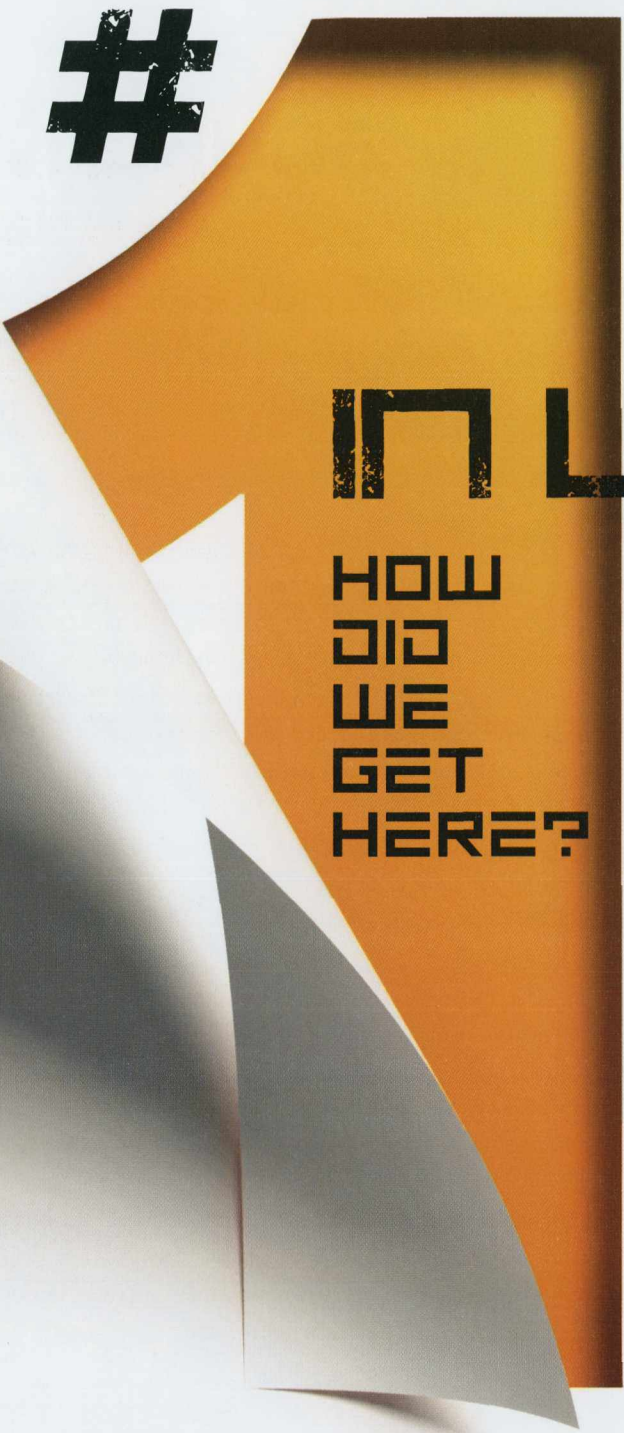
One challenge in the creation of an NLP is getting enough questions in a data set, tagged correctly by humans, so that the NLP can start recognizing patterns. So teams at the two law schools have created an online game to increase the data available to help build NLPs; players match questions to a legal issue. They call the game *Learned Hands*, a reference to the famed American jurist Learned Hand (1872–1961).

The game displays questions asked online about a potential legal issue. The players then read through each question and indicate whether it references a specific area of law. Once a statistically sufficient proportion of players agrees on a legal term for a particular question, that question and its legal term go into the data set—at which point an NLP starts to analyze additional data and spot patterns.

To help realize the vision of a good legal NLP, the Learned Hands developers need as many people as possible to play the game. While a legal background can be useful in answering the game’s questions, players from a variety of backgrounds can help make the needed connections between common phrasing and legal issues.

Those interested in learning more about this effort can read David Colarusso’s post on *Lawyerist* (lawyerist.com/learned-hands-launch); he is the director of Suffolk’s LIT Lab. Because NLPs are only as good as the data they are supplied, organizations with their own data sets of questions about potential legal issues can share their data with the Suffolk and Stanford teams.

Erika Rickard is a senior officer and Lester Bird is a principal associate with The Pew Charitable Trusts’ civil legal system modernization initiative.



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If you were searching for characteristics to describe Suffolk Law, three immediately come to mind: hands-on, practice-oriented, and pragmatic. These traits help explain why the school was recently named the best school in the nation for legal technology by *National Jurist*.

So, you might ask: How did we get to the top of the charts?

Back in 2013, Suffolk Law's prior dean, Camille Nelson, appointed Professor (and now dean) Andrew Perlman as the director of a new Institute on Legal Innovation & Technology (LIT). In that role, Perlman championed an unconventional idea: a concentration that would help students learn how to deliver legal services more effectively in the 21st century, using technology and innovation. Not a single law school had one. A few argued that the coursework might be too technical and process-oriented, but the faculty ultimately passed the

proposal unanimously, establishing an array of new courses designed to teach students cutting-edge knowledge and skills.

Perlman, who later served as vice chair of the ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services and the inaugural chair of the governing council of the ABA Center for Innovation, successfully argued that the concentration made a lot of sense for a school that has long emphasized a practice-oriented legal education. His argument went like this:

- Technology and innovation are changing many industries, and the legal industry is not immune.
- To be competitive and practice-ready in the 21st century, Suffolk Law graduates will need new knowledge and skills.
- Students don't necessarily need to be coders, but they should know enough about technology and innovation to learn how to deliver legal services more effectively and efficiently regardless of where they end up after graduation.
- Students comfortable with legal technology will benefit professionally, as an increasing number of employers seek graduates who know how to deliver legal services in new ways.
- The training also will help the public and clients by driving down the cost of legal services.

National media coverage

The LIT Institute is now directed by Professor Gabe Teninbaum, and the concentration is co-directed by Professor Teninbaum and Associate Professor Dyane O'Leary. They



From left to right:
Gerald Glover III JD'15
Vedika Mehera JD'15
Samantha Elefant JD'18

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are taking the Law School's early efforts to new heights.

For example, the Law School's groundbreaking collaborations with the likes of the ABA Center for Innovation and Stanford have captured national attention, with stories in the *Boston Globe*, the *Washington Post*, *Bloomberg News*, and other media outlets. The Law School's online LIT certificate program is drawing students from around the world. And major charitable foundations, like The Pew Charitable Trusts, are funding the Law School's innovative work.

Techies unite!

One sign that students are getting the message: The Legal Innovation and Technology Student Association has grown from a handful of students to over 175 members today. Several of those students have landed legal technology jobs, with titles that didn't exist even 10 years ago, like legal solutions architect and legal project manager.

The particular efforts are new, but they carry on the Law School's long-standing mission of preparing students for the real world of practice. But now, it's with a 21st-century twist.

R+D AT A LAW SCHOOL

The bedbug app

The LIT Lab is Suffolk Law's research and development consultancy, led by lawyer/data scientist David Colarusso and powered by innovative students. Among many other projects, last year's students built an automated tool for people in Minnesota who were having bedbug

problems. The mobile tool helped them raise their rights with landlords, resolve the problem, and secure compensation.

Avoiding jail time

Another student, Nicole Siino JD'18, built a tool to give juvenile court judges access to information about minors who appear before the court, such as their age, hometown, and special needs, e.g., anger management, drug treatment, or job training. Using the tool, judges can immediately identify the closest facilities with open beds, helping youth offenders meet court mandates and avoid jail time. Siino was appointed to a postgraduate NextGen Fellowship at the ABA Center for Innovation.

The tool decides if it's a good case

Students worked with a personal injury and workers' compensation firm on an algorithm that helped the firm more quickly predict which cases were worth taking. The project helped to produce a classification system that scores prospective cases with a quality ranking from 0 to 100.

AUGMENTED LAWYERS

Suffolk Law's Legal Innovation & Technology Concentration has helped graduates prepare for new kinds of jobs in the legal industry. Vedika Mehera JD'15, for example, is working as an innovation advisor at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. Gerald Glover III JD'15 is a legal solutions architect at Davis Wright Tremaine. Both were featured in *National Jurist* and *PreLaw* magazines, discussing the nature of their hybrid legal roles, which supplement traditional legal expertise with their capabilities in project management, process improvement, legal technology, document automation, and data visualization.

Nicole Siino was hired as an ABA NextGen Fellow because of her work in the LIT Lab. NextGen Fellows develop and launch projects to address critical needs in the legal sector.

Samantha Elefant JD'18 recently moved from a clerkship with Liberty Mutual's Legal Ideation & Transformation Team to a full-time job at the Fortune 100 company. Another LIT Concentration student is interning with Liberty's legal innovation group this year.



Director of IP Programs Karen Katz

What's Going On in IP?

On the road, more PhDs, hybrid courses

Professor Andrew Beckerman-Rodau, co-chair of the Intellectual Property Concentration, sat down recently with Karen Katz, Suffolk Law's new director of IP Programs, to discuss her work.

Beckerman-Rodau: You just got here in March of last year and you've been busy meeting with IP alumni. What have you learned?

Katz: I've been picking their brains and asking questions: What specialized training do they wish our students brought to the table? What kinds of continuing education programs would be useful to them and their colleagues? One example is a workshop we held on recruiting tech specs [people with graduate-level hard-science backgrounds who can assist law firms with patent prosecution]—there's a huge unmet need at IP firms for students from certain STEM backgrounds, so that made a lot of sense.

Just this fall, nearly 6% of our entering class, more than 20 students, had a PhD. Most of those students are in the STEM fields and working in patent law at leading Boston firms while attending law school at night.

Why is the number of PhDs so large?

A few factors. The school is known for IP leadership. Thirty percent of the patent law partners at Boston IP firms are Suffolk grads, and we have a huge number of IP in-house counsel at places like Google, Reebok, the Copyright Clearance Center, Dell, and IBM.

Our evening program allows students to work during the day at IP firms and marry that work with our IP Concentration and cutting-edge patent law specialization. We also have six full-time faculty members who teach and write in the area of IP law, allowing us to offer a remarkable breadth and depth of coursework. When students get that kind of niche training, it helps explain why *U.S. News* regularly ranks our IP program among the best in the nation.

Finally, we have an accelerated JD option that helps students complete their JD faster than at most other law schools. Speed to graduation is especially important for this group of students.

Tell me about the IP workshops.

Last year alone, we hosted workshops on licensing, careers in intellectual property, biotechnology law, cybersecurity, IP concerns of in-house counsel, copyright and the Digital Single Market, and trademark law. This year, we have plans for events focused on digital health, AI, open innovation, an update on the Supreme Court's recent patent law rulings, and a few more. The in-house counsel event brought in a lot of rock stars in the field.

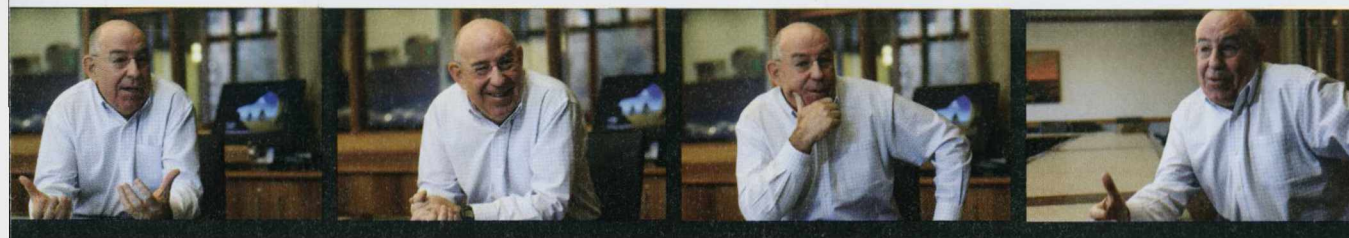
What's going on in terms of online learning?

Associate Dean Leah Chan Grinvald is teaching a hybrid online/on-campus copyright course, and we launched an online licensing negotiation workshop for graduates.

What's next?

We'll continue our push to bring in alumni experts who can provide our students, and the IP community generally, with practical industry-related insights. Especially in the case of the students, it's about helping them better understand cutting-edge legal concerns within the industry and preparing them to respond. It's a great way for thought leaders to give back. We're also exploring a new graduate degree program that may interest a wide range of professionals in this area. Stay tuned!

Have an idea about how you might become involved in our IP programming? Please contact Karen Katz, Esq., at kkatz2@suffolk.edu.



Professor Andrew Beckerman-Rodau

Rapunzel, Rapunzel, Pay Us a Fee

Clinic fights trademarking of *Grimm's Fairy Tales* character

Should one company have the right to trademark the name of a centuries-old *Grimm's Fairy Tales* character—and potentially charge other companies to use it? In this case, we're talking about Rapunzel, and a company, United Trademark Holdings, that's trying to trademark the name for a line of dolls.

Suffolk Law's IP & Entrepreneurship Clinic is opposing the registration at the Trademark Trial & Appeals Board (TTAB). If they win, it will be a Cinderella story.

The Disney Corporation, which asked the TTAB for an extension to file its opposition to the trademark request, may also enter the fray. Disney has some skin in the game, with its own rendering of the Rapunzel fairy tale in the film *Tangled*.

Over the years, underestimating our Clinic students—backpacks, Dunkin' iced coffee, cheap desks, and all—has turned out to be a bad idea for corporate attorneys at some massive brands, including Nautica and Monster Energy Drink. The students' victories have struck a chord, garnering coverage in the *Washington Post* and *Seattle Times*, among others.

The early results of the Rapunzel case are encouraging. In December, the TTAB held that Suffolk Law Professor Rebecca Curtin has standing to challenge the trademark registration. Curtin is represented by the IP Clinic students under the supervision of their director, Professor Loletta Darden JD'91.

In all but a few cases, it's a business competitor who can successfully oppose a trademark registration. For that reason, most of the trademark professionals Darden and Curtin talked to thought the professor's opposition—as a consumer—would go nowhere.

They were wrong. But in their defense, the Clinic's early victory was unprecedented. It's the first time that a general consumer (Curtin) has been allowed to proceed with a challenge to a trademark registration through the "descriptiveness" section of the trademark law. To successfully register a trademark you need to avoid terms that are the generic word for a kind of product or just

describe a quality of the product. Trademarks should tell consumers who made the product, not what the product is.

By way of explanation, Curtin looks to the generic word "apple." Using the word "Apple" as a trademark for computers is reasonable, she says, because competing computer makers can use another name for their computers. "But if one apple farmer had the exclusive right to use just the word 'Apple' to market apples, the actual fruit from the tree, it would make it hard for other farmers to tell consumers that they also were selling apples." What, exactly, would they call their apple?

Curtin and the Clinic are arguing that Rapunzel, like the fruit in her example, is both generic and undistinctive for toy figures that depict Rapunzel.

So how might a Rapunzel doll trademark impact consumers? Curtin says exclusive trademarks would raise barriers to the use of the name by other toymakers, resulting in fewer toys expressing the character. There may also be a domino effect, she contends, with other companies seeking exclusive rights to decades-old iconic characters on greeting cards, party favors, or board games. Ultimately that's bad for consumers, Curtin argues. "Why should only one compa-

ny have the right to tell us what a fairy-tale princess looks like?" she asks. "How could just one company define who Rapunzel is?"

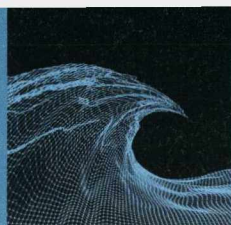
The trademark registrations might also require competing companies to pay licensing fees—paying for the right to use the name Rapunzel—increasing the costs of their products, Darden says.



Professor Rebecca Curtin



Professor Loletta Darden JD'91



SURE IT'S TECH-SAVVY, BUT SHOULD IT BE LEGAL?

Global Information Technologies, Ethics, and the Law

By Professor Michael L. Rustad and Professor Thomas H. Koenig

West Academic, 2018

In the cyberworld of the near future, auto dealers will be able to kill your car's ignition if you fall behind on your payments; smart fridges will be able to alert your health insurer each time you go for a beer; and cellphone makers will have the power to tell the IRS just how much money you have in your "wallet."

Technological advances like those are coming so fast there's barely time to debate whether they're justifiable—or even moral. What, then, is a lawyer or computer scientist to do to stay on the ethical side of the information superhighway?

That's the big, confounding question that Professor Michael L. Rustad JD'84, co-director of the Intellectual Property Law Concentration, examines in his new book, *Global Information Technologies, Ethics, and the Law* (West Academic, 2018), written with Professor Thomas H. Koenig of Northeastern University. Their goal is to help legal practitioners, technologists, and law students shape practical responses to the far-ranging ethical and legal quandaries arising from an exceedingly interconnected world.

We asked Rustad to lay out some of the conundrums he foresees and talk about what he hopes his book—which includes a teacher's manual with lecture notes, answers to review problems, and tips on handling tough concepts—can achieve.

What's an example of how ethical and legal issues are becoming increasingly entangled because of advancing digital technology?

A good one is the 24/7 monitoring of employees. Companies that encourage telecommuting, for example, now have the ability to monitor workers' home equipment.

Some would say there are perfectly good reasons, like making sure trade secrets don't fly out the door. Others would ask if it's fair to have internet monitoring of your every keystroke and website visit, especially when it's not disclosed to you. Our book helps the lawyers and computer professionals asked to implement these practices think through the ethical issues, because many of those ethical issues quickly become legal ones.

Where does American law stand on these emerging privacy conflicts?

In the United States right now, there is no real case law that offers guidance on these questions, no statutory protections for dealing with issues like home monitoring and other forms of eavesdropping on employees, especially in the workplace.

So companies are harvesting more and more data. Now, there are legitimate reasons for surveillance. They certainly need to know whether telecommuters are committing torts on company time, or whether managers are sexually harassing co-employees. But there are no protections against abusing these technologies, and they are becoming more and more intrusive with very little legal discussion.

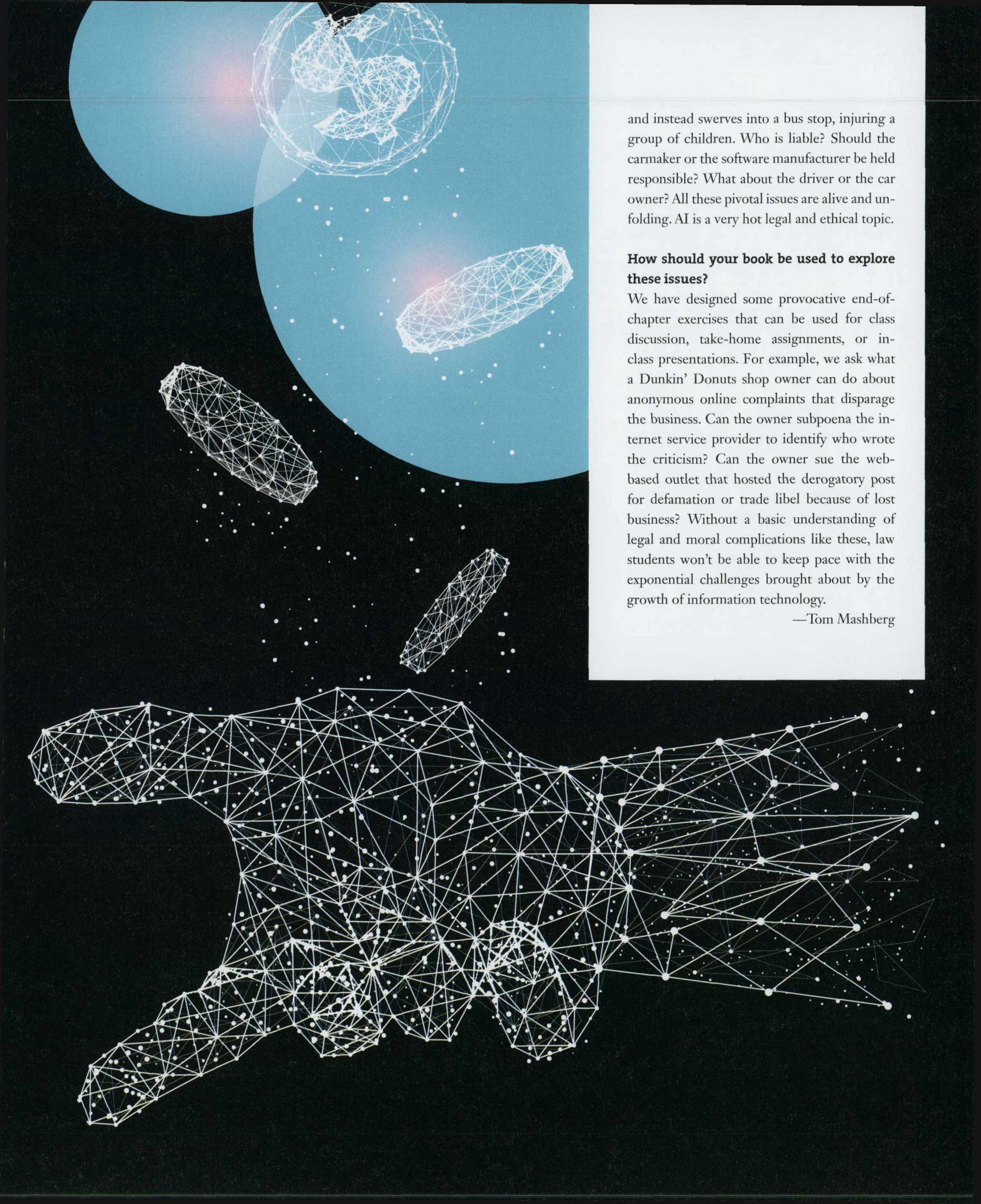
How is the advent of artificial intelligence creating unforeseen legal problems?

The new frontier is when the computer system itself is the instrument of harm. Take auto accidents involving smart cars, for example. Let's say a driverless car's artificial intelligence system chooses to avoid hitting a bicyclist



Professor Michael L.
Rustad JD'84

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and instead swerves into a bus stop, injuring a group of children. Who is liable? Should the carmaker or the software manufacturer be held responsible? What about the driver or the car owner? All these pivotal issues are alive and unfolding. AI is a very hot legal and ethical topic.

How should your book be used to explore these issues?

We have designed some provocative end-of-chapter exercises that can be used for class discussion, take-home assignments, or in-class presentations. For example, we ask what a Dunkin' Donuts shop owner can do about anonymous online complaints that disparage the business. Can the owner subpoena the internet service provider to identify who wrote the criticism? Can the owner sue the web-based outlet that hosted the derogatory post for defamation or trade libel because of lost business? Without a basic understanding of legal and moral complications like these, law students won't be able to keep pace with the exponential challenges brought about by the growth of information technology.

—Tom Mashberg

An Entertainment Attorney Writes the Book on Surviving Showbiz

BY TOM MASHBERG

Young Performers at Work: A Child Star Survival Guide

By Sally R. Gaglini

Zip Celebrity Media, 2015

About a decade ago, as children's programming was hitting its heyday, a 12-year-old girl from New Jersey, Caitlin Sanchez, was offered the gig of a lifetime: a chance to sign on as the voice of Dora the Explorer on Nickelodeon TV.

Her thrilled parents spent less than a half-hour reviewing her contract, which promised Caitlin \$5,115 per episode and an unspecified cut of Dora's lucrative merchandising revenue. Worried about losing the offer, they signed with no thought of contacting a lawyer.

It was "an all too classic mistake," said Sally R. Gaglini JD'87, an expert on young performers' contracts who teaches entertainment law at Suffolk and has worked in the field for 30 years. Caitlin's case devolved into a multimillion-dollar cause-célèbre in which she and her family claimed Nickelodeon "used convoluted payment-deduction clauses" to underpay Caitlin and "withhold her merchandise percentages."

Such contract disputes are so rampant that Gaglini has written a comprehensive and easy-to-read manual for child stars and their families, *Young Performers at Work: A Child Star Survival Guide*. An award-winning ebook, it recently came out in paperback.





Sally R. Gaglini JD'87

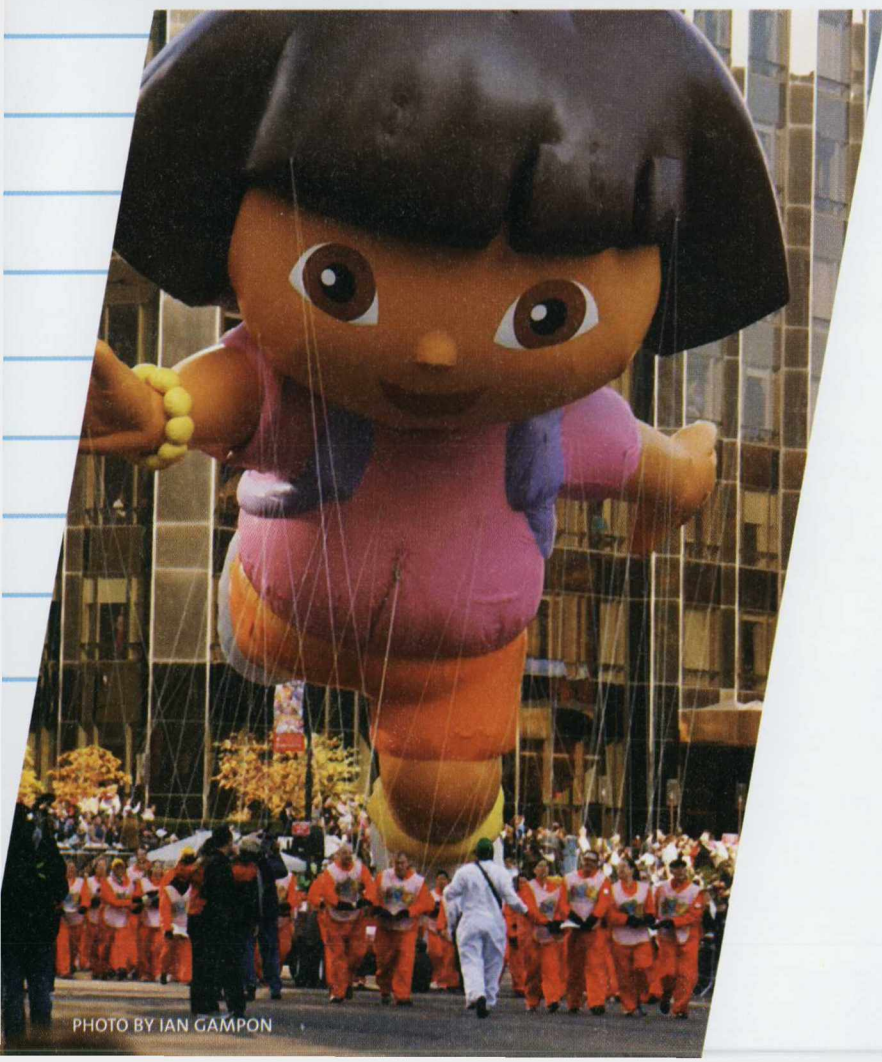


PHOTO BY IAN GAMPON

Gaglini has spoken with scores of families caught in similar binds. After signing deals that lock their kids into performance obligations—and penalize them financially if they opt out—the parents come to her asking, “How do I get out of this?”

“The explosion in kid-oriented programming in the last 15 years has created this giant demand for young people,” she says, “and businesses have cropped up like dandelions as a result. It’s a real minefield, and there are a lot of scams and a lot of pitfalls.”

Scams include bogus Craigslist casting calls set up by outfits that fleece the starry-eyed with up-front fees, promise them high earnings for small amounts of work, and wangle their parents into signing unfair or punitive deals. Impenetrable language is a common trap for parents so intent on indulging their child’s whims (and their own dreams) that they will trust without verifying.

In one of her own cases, Gaglini helped the parents of a singer void a contract that seemed to promise free studio time to the youngster while he developed as an artist. The costly awakening came when the parents received a five-figure production bill.

“Parents have to understand that it’s never a level playing field,” says Gaglini.

Gaglini helped craft Massachusetts’s first child performer law, passed in 1991. One of its protections requires that probate judges approve contracts for child performers, ensuring that they are fair and that earnings are set aside for the youngsters until their 18th birthday.

“Production companies hire lawyers to craft the contract as it best suits them, not the child,” she says, adding, “That’s natural, and it’s why this book is needed.”

Gaglini makes clear that she didn’t write the guide to dissuade young performers from careers that can prove rewarding. She wants to offer a road map for families interested in television and film, reality shows, baby commercials, boy and girl bands, and other avenues into the industry “so long as their child is treated fairly.”

She also shares advice on taxes, expenses, and agency fees, and on preparing for the inevitable “lean years” without work. And she spends a chapter on a prickly question that can divide many a household: “Who gets the money?”

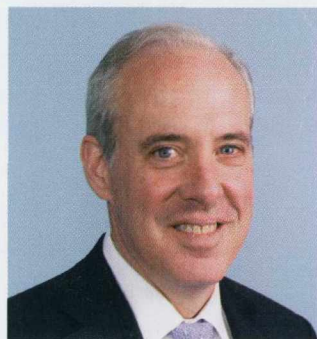
Lastly, she tells parents to always put their kids’ educations before show-biz ambitions.

“I’ve heard so many parents say, ‘I should never have pulled my kid out of school.’ ”

DEAN'S CABINET NOW HAS 30 MEMBERS / PERSONAL COMMITMENT, STRATEGIC ADVICE

The Dean's Cabinet now has 30 members, each of whom has committed at least \$50,000 to support the initiatives of the Law School. Since the magazine featured the Dean's Cabinet a little over a year ago, 10 new members have joined the team of generous benefactors dedicated to advancing the Law School's mission—through both philanthropy and strategic consultation. A few of the new members shared what inspired them to join.

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"Over the past few years, I have become more engaged with the Law School, and I am excited by many of the great things that are happening. In particular, the Law School has become more focused on IP law with the formation of the IP Clinic and the hiring of an IP director. Suffolk Law put me on a path toward a successful law career, and I am happy now to have the opportunity to give back to the school and the next generation of students."

Thomas M. Sullivan JD'94
Founding Partner
Lando & Anastasi LLP



"Good leaders make good things happen. Historically, I had very little involvement with Suffolk, but a year ago, I heard Dean Perlman make a case for how Suffolk Law was improving and could become better. I particularly liked his focus on excellence, maybe not possible right now in all fields, but at least in some, and this is happening. This resonated well with me, and the Dean's Cabinet was the logical, focused place where I could contribute financially and participate in helping to make Suffolk one of the top law schools in the country."

Brian E. McManus JD'71
President
McManus Capital Management



"I have been associated with Suffolk University for more than 35 years. My initial exposure was as a first-generation college student commuting into Boston from the South Shore. I continued as a law student, followed by committee involvement, teaching positions over the summers with my wife, and now the Dean's Cabinet. I am passionate about Suffolk and all it has to offer, equipping the next generation of students for all the challenges they will be facing in this world."

Wayne E. Smith BSBA'77, JD'82
Suffolk Law Adjunct Professor, Tax Law
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ABOUT THE DEAN'S CABINET

Dean's Cabinet members are asked to:

- Make a philanthropic commitment of at least \$50,000 to support the initiatives of the Law School;
- Provide strategic advice and counsel to the Dean in pursuit of the Dean's overall programmatic and fundraising goals;
- Assist in enhancing the academic profile of the Law School by initiating strategic corporate and individual partnerships within the New England region, around the nation, and abroad;
- Identify, cultivate, and engage alumni to become involved with the Law School, as well as identify possible nominees to serve in the Dean's Cabinet; and
- Serve as ambassadors of the Law School to external stakeholders, such as alumni, corporate partners, and prospective students and their parents.

A VENTURE CAPITALIST'S CREATIVE DONATION



BARRY COSGROVE JD'85, a health care venture capitalist and member of the Suffolk Law Dean's Cabinet, grew up in the working-class town of Brockton, Mass., one of five boys raised by a single mother and the only one in his extended family who went to college.

Cosgrove, CEO of Blackmore Partners, made it through a few lean years before achieving some great career victories; he's a founder of Davita—which became and remains the second largest independent provider of dialysis services in the world—and of the Kidney Care Council, which supports and advances dialysis care delivery.

Now he wants to give back to the law school that contributed to his success, and he's doing it in a way that's in keeping with his innovative bent.

Cosgrove has agreed to give Suffolk Law 10 percent of "any liquidity event" for two new companies in which Blackmore owns an interest. If the companies, one in health care and another in legal services, are sold at a profit or pay dividends, Suffolk Law will receive a 10 percent portion of these proceeds.

Rather than waiting for an unknown, perfect time for a donation, he chose to look to the future. "I've got a number of companies in which I'm a limited partner, so I tried to pick a couple which I think have especially big potential. While I don't know where these companies are going to end up, I'm committed to giving Suffolk a portion of the proceeds.

"When it comes to giving to charities that business owners care deeply about," he says, "for at least some people, once they get a payday, they actually find it more difficult to part with their hard-earned rewards,

no matter how well-intentioned they are." But by agreeing up front to share the proceeds, "your commitment is solidly in place, and I have another reason to drive the success of the business," he says. "It's not the most tax-efficient strategy, but it's a potential big win for Suffolk." He's hoping other business entrepreneurs and lawyers who switch to the business side will consider following his lead.

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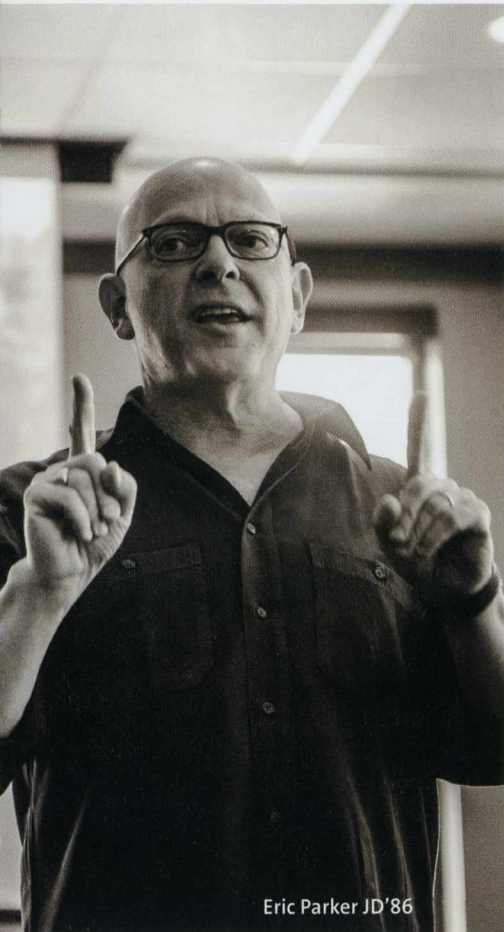
The "future proceeds gift" comes in addition to Cosgrove's \$50,000 donation to the Dean's Cabinet, a named Law School scholarship in honor of his former boss John Kuchta of the Kendall Company (the company that paid for his JD), and an estate plan that names Suffolk Law as one of the beneficiaries, with a guaranteed donation of at least \$1 million.

One of the motivations for all of this giving was the Suffolk Law faculty. "The faculty made you feel that we were in it together. And that a determined student could succeed. This was key because growing up in Brockton, the most I knew about attorneys was when I caddied for them," he says.

As a teen, Cosgrove worked as a caddie to earn money for tuition at Cardinal Spellman High School in his hometown. He had to knock on the door of a Spellman teacher in the neighborhood to ask for help convincing the principal to admit him, as he hadn't taken the entrance exam. After he was accepted, Cosgrove learned that his savings covered tuition, but not the required textbooks. The principal decided Cosgrove could sweep the floors to help defray the costs. "I'll never forget how they gave me a chance," Cosgrove says.

"I'm equally grateful to the Suffolk Law faculty," he adds. "They made me feel that I could carry a legal bag of my own, not just the golf bags—that I could be a successful attorney and businessman myself."

HOW IT REALLY WORKS OUT THERE



Eric Parker JD'86

Eric Parker JD'86: From Dean's Cabinet to Lawyering Life Lessons

/ BY PAUL PEGHER



PHOTOS BY MARK WILSON

It's the first Saturday morning of Spring 2018 final exams, and 18 students have stepped away from their studies to gather in the dining hall for a different kind of learning experience—one that might provide as much preparation for their future careers as any test they'll take.

Their host is Eric Parker JD'86, adjunct faculty member at Suffolk Law, the managing and co-founding partner of Parker Sheer LLP, and a highly regarded tort trial lawyer. He is leading the year's fourth and final installment of what he calls Practice Ready Networking Sessions.

It's just one of the many ways Parker gives back to Suffolk Law, complementing his role as a member of the Dean's Cabinet (see related story page 30).

Among the many topics he covers on this day, Parker places particular emphasis on evaluating compensation, reminding students to consider the differences between a paycheck and work experience. "A person working 80 hours a week for \$160,000 is

essentially working two jobs but may not try a case in their first 10 years," he says. "They're helper bees. Meanwhile, a boutique firm attorney may try several. Even if it's for less money, that experience will really pay off down the road."

Parker brings in a panel of young Suffolk Law alumni, including two members from his firm, to answer a few questions:

- How does actual practice differ from your expectations as a student?
- How do you balance personal and professional life?
- What skills give you an advantage over your peers?

Parker designs these sessions to help students and young alumni rehearse a critical professional task: networking. Conversations about practicing law can lead to new work, he says. "But that won't happen if you don't step up and engage."

The networking sessions also serve as a counterpart to a class that Parker introduced at Suffolk four years ago, Practice Ready Tort Litigation. There, students learn important skills such as how to draft discovery forms and demand letters, navigate office dynamics, find professional insight in Lawyers Weekly, and even how to launch a firm.

Parker's contribution to his students reflects a blend of personal interest in their success and professional wisdom from his 30-year career in personal injury trial work, which has earned him a place among the Massachusetts Super Lawyers "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" list.

Parker understands the professional challenges facing young lawyers, which is one reason he's a big fan of the school's Accelerator to Practice Program. Accelerator students work in a law practice embedded in the school, handling all of the nuts-and-bolts issues that come up along the way; they tend to stand out because of the additional process management and legal technology skills they bring to the table.

"The brilliance of the Accelerator is that it helps students get real-world experience," Parker says. "My class and networking sessions share the same goal: to turn interns and junior associates into 'keepers.'"

REMEMBERING PROFESSOR JEFFREY WITTENBERG

March 8, 1945—April 12, 2018

Stories about Professor Jeffrey Wittenberg, 73, poured in after an announcement about his sudden passing last year. Comment after comment, both online and in a memorial book in the school lobby, described a teacher who could be gruff and demanding and at the same time funny and loving. It was a toughness, the comments explained, not for its own sake, but to push students to become better thinkers and lawyers—and backed up with hours of additional support for the students who needed it.

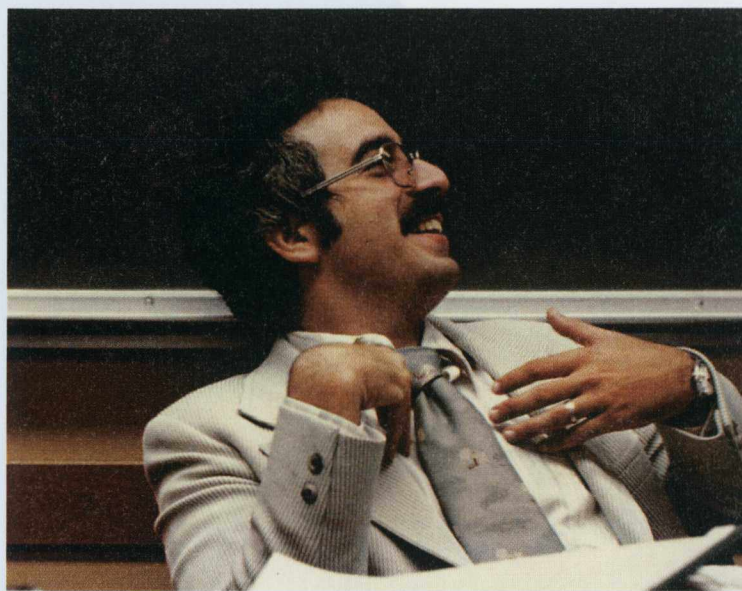
A tribute in the student-run publication *Suffolk Journal* said, “For the past 32 years, Professor Jeffrey Wittenberg has brought humor to an otherwise grueling topic for most law students, chanted law codes line by line during a first lecture, and pushed students to the edge until they realized their full potential.” He was the rare professor whose persistence and caring could get you to read a textbook cover to cover, the tribute explained.

“He had the unique ability to inspire you to do better, and the even rarer trait that if you were not ready for class, you felt you were letting yourself and him down,” said Larry Booz JD’13.

Professor Richard Perlmutter, a close friend of Wittenberg for 40 years, wrote in his eulogy for Wittenberg: “By May, the students he had terrorized in September loved and respected him. All he wanted was for his students to learn and succeed. He spent hours meeting with them one-on-one and got to know them as people. Jeff worked on his courses as much teaching them the 40th time as he did preparing them for the first time.”

Perlmutter relayed a story about the Wittenbergs’ family visit to the Perlmutter’s home in Maine. Perlmutter heard Jeff’s footsteps going back and forth at 6 a.m. “When we came down for breakfast several hours later, did Jeff say, ‘Good morning, Richard, how was your night?’ No. Instead he said, ‘I’ve been working on revocation of acceptance under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. What’s your understanding?’ When I told him my interpretation, he proceeded to tell me—and not that gently—how wrongheaded I was.”

He wanted, Perlmutter explained, to challenge his students to think deeply and to question their assumptions.



Professor Jeffrey Wittenberg

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—PROFESSOR
RICHARD PERLMUTTER

In his second year of law school at Suffolk, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Justice Frank M. Gaziano JD’89 took a class with Wittenberg. “I approached UCC class with all the enthusiasm of a law student pressured into taking UCC because ‘it might be on the bar,’” Gaziano wrote. “That was before I met Professor Wittenberg. Utilizing his considerable wit and engaging teaching style, Professor Wittenberg made UCC enjoyable, and it ranks as one of my favorite Suffolk Law classes. Saddened by his passing, I am grateful that I recently ran into Professor Wittenberg at a function and had the chance to tell him that he was a fabulous teacher.”

In the *Suffolk Journal* tribute, John Cronin JD’06 “remembered one of Wittenberg’s favorite quotes that he would often utter with a gleam in his eye: ‘There is nothing better than being a good lawyer.’”

“He believed it, and he made all of us believe it, too,” Cronin said.

CLASS NOTES

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1959

Charles Zaroulis BA'57, JD'59 was honored with the George "Doc" Gianis Distinguished Service Award by the Greater Lowell Family YMCA in November, after 70 years of involvement with the organization. He has served as president and executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association, president and director of the Greater Lowell Bar Association, and Town Counsel for both Tewksbury and Tyngsborough.

1968

David Wiseman writes from Hawaii: "I retired in 2016 as a judge of the CNMI (U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) Supreme Court. I also had the privilege of serving the U.S. judiciary for 14 consecutive years as a designated judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. In my spare time, I take care of my 2 acres of coffee and fruit trees and enjoy the tropical life." He attended the inauguration of Suffolk University President Marisa Kelly this fall.

1975

Brian M. Hurley was noted as "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation, Real Estate (Boston) by Best Lawyers. He is chair of Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster's Litigation Department.

1976

Timothy R. Cagle writes that he released two novels in 2017: "*Whispers from the Silence*" is a novel about two songwriters who meet and fall in love in Nashville. *Unexpected Enemy* is a medical/legal thriller about a Caucasian couple who go for in vitro fertilization, and the woman gives birth to an African-American child." Tim is in private practice in Andover, Mass.

1977

Anthony Tarricone, Boston-based partner at Kreindler & Kreindler LLP, a leading aviation law firm, received the Leonard Ring Champion of Justice Award from the American Association for Justice (AAJ), the largest organization of civil trial attorneys in the world. The award recognizes an AAJ member who has demonstrated a devotion to human and civil rights. Tarricone, a former president of AAJ, resides in Gloucester, Mass.

1982



Frederick R. Baran, Jr. was appointed by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker to the position of Clerk Magistrate of the Chicopee District Court.

Michael F. Maglio has been named the *Best Lawyers* 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" in Hartford, Conn., in the area of Banking and Finance Law. He is a member of Robinson+Cole's Finance Group, concentrating in the areas of commercial and corporate finance, asset-based lending, and other secured and unsecured lending.



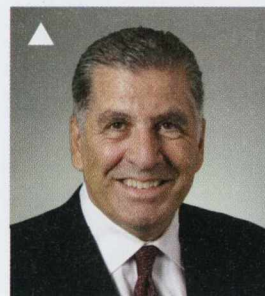
1984

Judge Marcine Anderson is serving her second term as the West Division Presiding Judge, King County District Court in Washington. Judge

Anderson has served as a King County District Court Judge since 2010 when she was unanimously appointed by the King County Council and then elected for two four-year terms.

1985

Thomas M. Bond was elected treasurer of the Massachusetts Bar Association officer corps for 2018-2019.



Patrick Tobias O'Regan, Jr. has published, with Cecily O'Regan, *Intellectual Property: Overview and Strategies for Entrepreneurs: A Silicon Valley Perspective*.

1987



John Parsons has been selected by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (Mass.) to serve as executive director of that organization; he was previously general counsel and deputy director.

1988



Denise I. Murphy has been elected vice president of the Massachusetts Bar Association officer corps for 2018-2019.



Holly Polglase was named chair of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association.

1989

John C. La Liberte has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019. A partner at Sherin and Lodgen LLP in Boston, he was selected for his practice in commercial litigation.

1992



U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Michael J. Dumont was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for appointment to the rank of vice admiral. He was assigned as the deputy commander of U.S. Northern Command and also serves as vice commander, U.S. Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colo. Admiral Dumont is a naval aviator, has had four combat assignments during his military career, and served as the vice director of the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.

Lynne F. Riley has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019. She is a partner at Casner & Edwards in Boston and was selected for her practice in bankruptcy, creditor debtor rights/insolvency, and reorganization law.

Michael Shea has been named General Counsel, Europe for Evo Payments, an Atlanta-based international leader in the payments industry. Michael was previously European Chief Counsel for Elavon Financial Services, the Ireland-based banking arm of U.S. Bancorp. He lives in Dublin with his wife and two sons.

1993



Shann Kerner has joined Lathrop Gage's Intellectual Property practice in Boston as Of Counsel, concentrating on IP counseling, international patent portfolio procurement, leverage, IP protection, trade secret protection, and IP due diligence.

1994

Christine Devine has been appointed to the Bankruptcy Merit Selection Panel to help to fill an impending vacancy on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts. The panel will screen and review applicants and recommend qualified candidates to the First Circuit Judicial Council and to the Court of Appeals. Devine is a partner in Mirick O'Connell's Business Group.

2001

Joseph Maraia was named an IP Star by *Managing Intellectual Property*. He is a partner and Executive Committee member at Burns & Levinson and a member of the firm's Intellectual Property practice.

2002

John Okray JD/MBA has joined Solovis, Inc. in Irving, Texas, as general counsel.

2003

Justin Cook, co-founder and general counsel of C-4 Analytics, LLC in Wakefield, Mass., was named Entrepreneur of the Year by EY (Ernst & Young) for New England.



Carl E. Fumarola has been elected a partner in the firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP. Based in the Boston office, he focuses on financial services litigation and co-chairs the firm's Tax Lien Resolution & Litigation group.

2005

Ari Bessendorf has joined the Jakarta, Indonesia office of Allen & Overy as a senior associate. He is part of the Projects, Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure group, focusing on power projects, LNG, and renewable energy.

Emily Hollenberg has joined Transitions Legal in Birmingham, Michigan, as associate attorney.

Jessica Murphy was named president of the board for Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester. She has been a board member since 2014 and has served as clerk and vice president. Murphy is a civil litigator with Mirick O'Connell's Westborough

office, concentrating on commercial disputes and construction issues.

Andrew Sroka has been promoted to partner in DLA Piper's Boston office. Andrew joins the firm's Finance and Projects practice, where he focuses on structured finance and securitization transactions.

2006



Jessica G. Kelly, a partner in Sherin and Lodgen LLP's Litigation Department and chair of the firm's pro bono practice, was named to the 2018 Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under Hot List. In 2016, Jessica was selected as an Up & Coming Lawyer by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* and, in 2015, was named a Boston Rising Star by the *National Law Journal* and *Connecticut Law Tribune*.

2007



Elizabeth Dello Russo Becker has been named executive director of the Massachusetts Association of 766 Approved Private Schools (MAAPS), a statewide association of 80 schools for students with special needs. She will start the position on March 1, 2019. She previously served as the director of community relations and government affairs for the Massachusetts Port Authority.



Angel Kozeli Mozina joined Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster's Boston office as a director in the Real Estate practice.



Barbara T. O'Toole has joined Sherin and Lodgen LLP as an associate in the Boston firm's Litigation Group, focusing on the resolution of complex commercial disputes.



Seth M. Pasakarnis, of Hinckley Allen's Boston office, has been promoted to partner. A member of its Construction & Public Contacts group, Seth is focused on all aspects of the construction industry.

2008

David C. Valente has joined Tarlow Breed Hart & Rodgers, PC in Boston as an associate in Trusts & Estates Practice Group.

2010

Jonathan Eaton has been appointed to the Board of Selectmen in Wilmington, Mass.

Christine Goddard has been named a recipient of *Profiles in Diversity Journal's* 2018 Women Worth Watching award. Goddard, who is a principal in Fish & Richardson's Boston office, was singled out for "leading the way to excellence in the workplace, marketplace, and the world" and for helping "develop the next generation of women leaders."

2011

Kenneth J. Liddle JD/MBA was named Chief Compliance Officer for Rice University.

Amy Puliafico recently published, with John Ullian, *Divorce: A Consumer's Guide to the Divorce Process*, second edition. Amy practices domestic relations law at the Law Firm of Ullian & Associates, P.C., in Braintree, Mass.



Keerthi Sugumaran was elected president and named Board Member of the Year by the South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston, which supports the advancement of attorneys and law students of South Asian heritage and furthers the provision of legal services to that community. She is an associate in the Boston office of Jackson Lewis PC.

2012

Louise Ann Kelleher LLM has joined the insurance practice of Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial. She frequently speaks to national and international groups on insurance topics and international arbitration.

Jaclyn L. McNeely has joined Boston's Sherin and Lodgen LLP as an associate in the Employment Law department. She represents clients in a wide range of matters, including wage and hour issues, wrongful termination, discrimination, retaliation, and contract negotiation and enforcement.

2014

A.J. Chalifour, Sagadahoc County Assistant District Attorney, recently argued and won a case before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in *State v. Heffron*, 2018 ME 102.

Tara Gampel, associate counsel for JUMP Bikes in Brooklyn, N.Y., is negotiating the recently announced deal between the company and Uber as In-House Counsel.

2015



Jamal Burk has been appointed to the Board of Directors for San Miguel School, an independent middle school for urban youth from the Greater Providence area. Burke, a 2002 graduate of San Miguel, is employed as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Rhode Island.

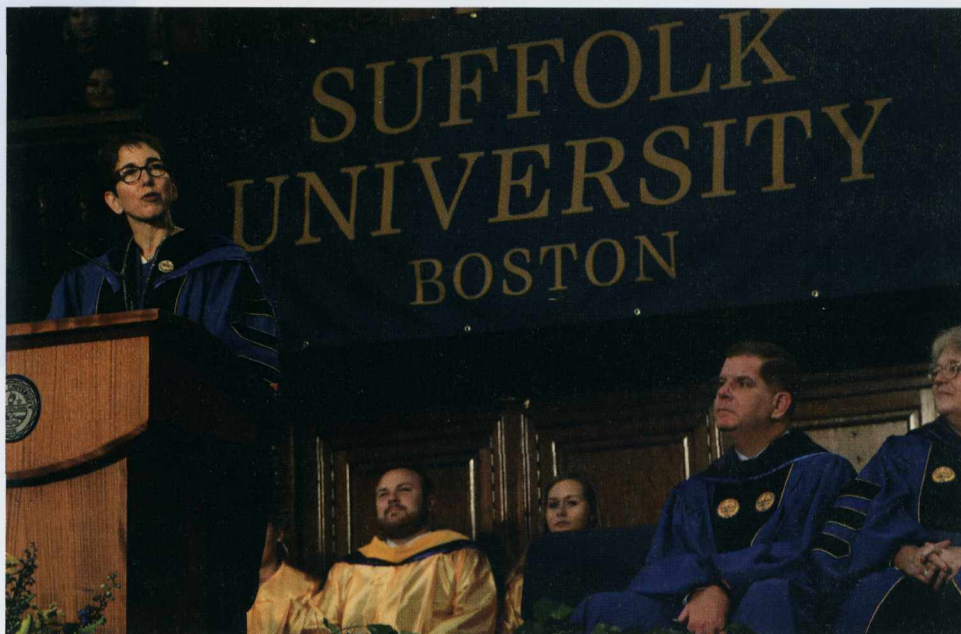
Thomas R. Davis has opened his own practice in Boston focusing on employment law, divorce and family law, and general litigation.

ALUMNI EVENTS

Inauguration

Friday, October 11-14, 2018
Boston

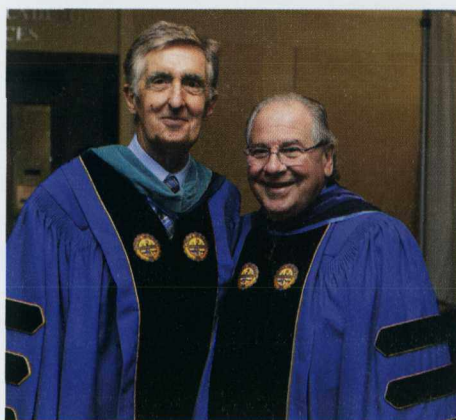
The entire University community celebrated Suffolk Inauguration, Alumni and Family Weekend. The flagship event was the Inauguration Ceremony of our 11th president, Dr. Marisa J. Kelly, held in Converse Hall, Tremont Temple.



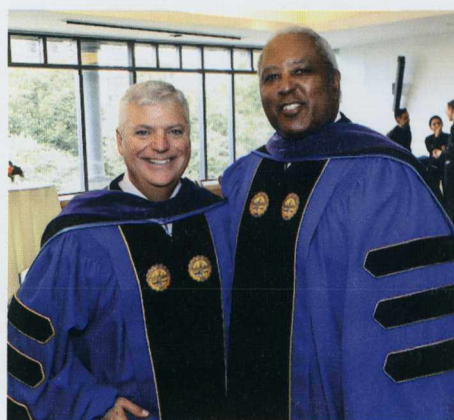
Dr. Marisa J. Kelly, President; Jared Berman MED'19, Graduate Student Association President; Morgan Robb, Undergraduate Student Government Association President; Martin J. Walsh HLLD'17, Mayor of Boston; and Hon. Elspeth B. Cypher JD'86



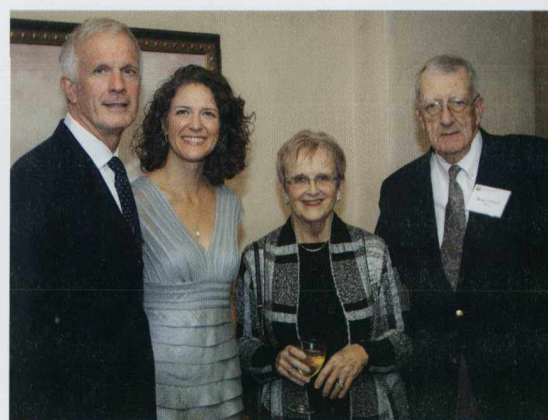
Alan Sharaf JD'87, Nancy Galindo-Rodriguez, Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations; Dean Andrew Perlman; and Carolyn Levy



John Nucci MPA'79, Senior Vice President, External Affairs; and The Hon. Robert DeLeo JD'76, HLLD'09, Speaker of the Massachusetts House



Trustees Daniel Conley JD'83 and E. Macey Russell JD'85



Leo Corcoran JD'84, Natalie DeNormandie, Patricia O'Neill and Brian O'Neill JD'71

Black Excellence Dinner

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Omni Parker House, Boston

Suffolk alumni from all three schools gathered to celebrate the achievement of alumni and faculty at the Black Excellence Dinner.



Alumni Trustee Ernst Guerrier BS'91, JD'94; Marie St. Fleur, State Representative (ret.); Darline Duncan MPA'15; Dr. Marisa J. Kelly, President; and Angela Yarde MPA'13



Kathy Malone; Geraldin Batista BSBA'14; Kendra Eddy BA'12, MA '17; Adanma Ude BA'12; and Kelleena Greaves-Rowe



Joevrose Bourdeau JD'19; Sheriece Perry JD'08, Outstanding Alumni Award Recipient; and Dean Andrew Perlman



Probate and Family Court Judge (ret.) Judith Nelson Dilday; Dr. Topper Carew, Keynote Speaker; and Sheriece Perry JD'08

ALUMNI EVENTS

All Rise Alumnae Panel and Dinner

Thursday, November 15, 2018
Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston

Suffolk Law celebrated the professional achievements of remarkable women trailblazers who have broken barriers in the field of law. Prior to the dinner, a distinguished group of alumnae shared their experiences of rising above challenges and achieving professional success. The Dinner garnered over \$100,000 from sponsors, with net proceeds supporting the Catherine T. Judge Scholarship. Learn more about the event and honorees on page 10.



Left to right: Carol Starkey JD'88, Hon. Elspeth Cypher JD'86, Prof. Loletta Darden JD'91, Maria Durant JD'91, Deborah Marson JD'78, Hon. Amy Nechtem JD'85 and Alexis Theriault JD'11



Top row left to right: Sandy Honeyman JD'86, Prof. Karen Blum JD'74, Amber Meyer JD'19, Isi Ehikhamhen JD'19, and Ann LoDolce JD'74

Bottom row left to right: Jason Honeyman JD'85, Morgan Blum JD'11 and Melissa Blum



Top row left to right: Dara Factor JD'18, Ana Vergara, Sarah Beaudoin, and Thomas Sullivan JD'94

Bottom row left to right: Patricia Annino JD'81, Maureen Mayotte JD'79, Sarah Gates JD'05 and David Lu JD'13



Kelly Vieira JD'19, President of the Women of Color Law Student Association; Amber Meyer JD'19, President of the Student Bar Association; Hon. Linda Stewart Dalianis JD'74, HLLD'01, HDHL'18; Isi Ehikhamhen JD'19, President of the Black Law Students Association; and Kelley Coogan Huber JD'22, Secretary of the Women's Law Student Association



Top row left to right: Adrienne Walker JD'98; John Nucci BS'07, JD'12; Catherine Lombardo JD'00; Jessica Barton JD'18

Bottom row left to right: Alden Bianchi JD'78, Kim Marrkand JD'84, Henry Sullivan JD'84 and Mary Martin

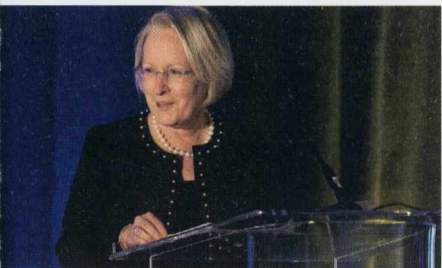


Top row left to right: Harry Garvey; Hon. Amy Nechtem JD'85, Trustee; Julie Sullivan JD'91; Betsy Caney; Christine Newman Garvey JD'72; and Marcia Garvey

Bottom row left to right: Dr. Marisa J. Kelly, President; Margie Arnold; Robert Lamb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and McKenna Madden



Catherine T. Judge Teaching and Service Award recipients: Prof. Karen Blum JD'74 and Prof. Ilene Seidman (with Dean Andrew Perlman); Marian Archer Trailblazer Award recipients: Hon. Linda Steward Dalanis JD'74, HLLD'01, HDHL'18 and Deborah Marson JD'78



Keynote speaker Judy Perry Martinez, President-Elect, American Bar Association



Reem Rana JD'20; Kelley Coogan Huber JD'22, Secretary of the Women's Law Student Association; and Michelle Strom JD'20



Isi Ehikhamhen JD'19, President of the Black Law Students Association



Left to right: Jessica Massey JD'03, William Hogan JD'81, Kelly Hogan JD'17 and Mary Kate Condon JD'17

Half Century Club Luncheon

Friday, June 8, 2018
Omni Parker House, Boston

On June 8, alumni from the class of 1968 came back to Suffolk to celebrate their 50th reunion.



Armen DerMarderosian BA'58, JD'60, HDHL'06; Ann DerMarderosian BA'60, HDHL'06; Gerard Doherty JD'60; and Hon. Regina Quinlan JD'73, HLLD'05



Jim Burke JD'67, Paul Lyons JD'68 and Frederick Colman JD'68



Back row left to right: David Bernadin JD'68; Mark Berson JD'68; Thomas Burke BA'65, JD'68; Sheldon Fine JD'68; Fred Golder JD'68; Steve Kessman JD'68; and Bob Laramie JD'68

Front row: Nancy Golden JD'68



Top row left to right: David Bernadin JD'68; John Boyce BSBA'68, MA'70; Robert Dawley BSBA'68; Nathan Scollo BSBA'68; Frederick Colman JD'68; Sheldon Fine JD'68; Jim Burke JD'67; Paul Lyons JD'68; Marshall Shapiro BSBA'68, JD'72

Middle row left to right: Thomas Burke BA'65, JD'68; Richard DeRosa BA'68; Niranjana Sheth MBA'68; Paul Killion BA'68, JD'70; Barbara Pingree BS'68; Andrew Dewire BSBA'68; Steve Kessman JD'68; Fred Golder JD'68; Mark Berson JD'68; Bob Laramie JD'68

Bottom row left to right: Helen Abdallah Donoghue BA'68, JD'74; Nancy Golden JD'68; Thomas Casey BSJ'68, JD'72; Paul Thorp BS'68, MAE'72, CAG'89; Mary Paiewonsky BA'68; Jim Mahoney JD'68; Robert Martin BSBA'67, MBA'68; John Houton JD'68; Edward Leeds BSBA'67, MBA'68

ALUMNI EVENTS

Suffolk Law Reunion Dinner and Alumni Awards Ceremony

Saturday, June 9, 2018
Intercontinental Hotel

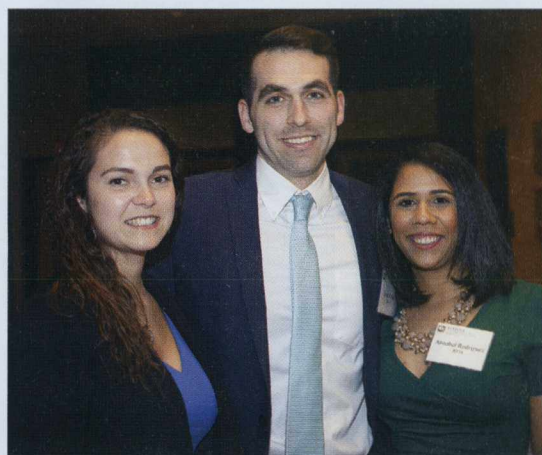
This special event brought together over 200 alumni to reconnect and to honor the following extraordinary alumni and community members with awards for their achievements and service:

Susan Church JD'95 | *Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award*
Kenneth Gear BSBA 89, JD'95 | *Outstanding Alumni Service Award*
Stephen Hall JD'10 | *Outstanding Graduate of the Last Decade*
Lisa Trifiro-Reed | *Edward Bray JD'58 Legacy Award*

We are grateful to the honorees for driving the school forward and to all of the attendees for their support.



Outstanding Alumni Award recipients:
Kenneth Gear BSBA'89, JD'95; Susan Church
JD'95; and Stephen Hall JD'10



Marissa Milero JD'17, Brian Kelley JD'15 and Annabel
Rodriguez JD'16



David Soutter JD'13, Kristen McDonough JD'13,
Dan Ryan, Hilary Detmold JD'13 and Evan Lowry
JD'13 celebrate their 5th Reunion



B. Minde Kornfeld JD'88; Dr. Marisa J. Kelly,
President; Paula Popeo JD'78; and Deborah
Marson JD'78



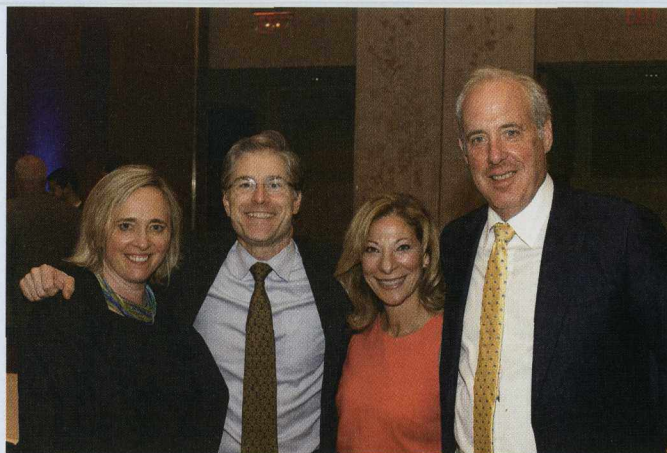
Top left to right: Patricia Downey BSJ'86, JD'95; Kelley
Hurley; Kate Stoll; and Hiwot Tadese
Bottom left to right: Maria Toyoda, Dean College of Arts &
Sciences; Susan Church JD'95; Aster Adamu; Derege
Demissie JD'97; and Mimi Demissie



Kevin Sullivan JD'78, Paula Popeo JD'78, Hon.
Mary Dacey White JD'78, Robert Ward JD'78,
Hon. Joan Feeney JD'78, Eddie Jenkins JD'78,
Katalin Brown JD'78, and Deborah Marson JD'78



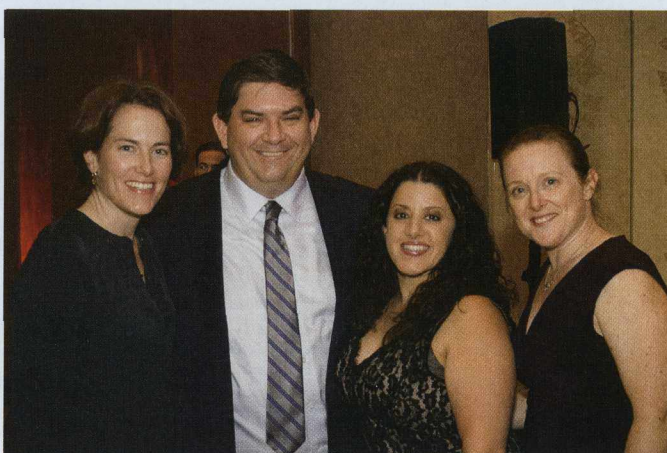
Alumni Trustee Ernst Guerrier BS'91, JD'94; Edward Bray JD'58 Legacy Award recipient Lisa Trifiro-Reed; and Dean Andrew Perlman



Holly Howley, Rob Howley JD'92, Lynne Sullivan and Thomas Sullivan JD'94



Kenneth Gear BSBA'89, JD'95; Dr. Marisa J. Kelly, President; and Daniel Conley JD'83, Trustee



Left to right: Maureen McBrien JD'03, Peter Farrell JD'03, Jessica Massey JD'03, and Rebecca Trail Acevedo JD'03 celebrate their 15th reunion



Cynthia Fine, Sheldon Fine JD'68, Dean Andrew Perlman, John Higgins JD'61 and Nancy Higgins



Back row: Daniel Harrington BSBA'59, JD'65; and Caroline Harrington
Front row: Nancy Golden JD'68

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1. Two justices on the Massachusetts

Supreme Judicial Court

Frank M. Gaziano JD'89
Elspeth "Ellie" B. Cypher JD'86

2. Four of the 11 district attorneys in Massachusetts

Thomas M. Quinn, Bristol County JD'88
Jonathan W. Blodgett, Essex County JD'83
Michael Morrissey, Norfolk County JD'85
Timothy J. Cruz, Plymouth County JD'84

3. Secretary of State, Massachusetts

William F. Galvin JD'75, HLLD'04

4. Chief Justice, Juvenile Court, Massachusetts

Amy L. Nechem JD'85

5. Speaker of the House of Representatives, Massachusetts

Robert A. DeLeo JD'76, HLLD'09

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rhode Island

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**6. Chief Counsel of the Committee for Public Counsel
Services, Massachusetts**

Anthony Benedetti JD'93

7. Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court

Paul A. Suttell JD'76

8. House and Senate Majority Leaders, Rhode Island

(House) K. Joseph Shekarchi BS'84, JD'90
(Senate) Michael J. McCaffrey JD'89

9. Three justices on the Rhode Island

Supreme Court

Maureen McKenna Goldberg JD'78, HLLD'99
Francis X. Flaherty JD'75
Paul A. Suttell JD'76

10. Leader, Navy JAG Reserve Community

Rear Adm. Carol M. Lynch JD'84
Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy for Reserve
Affairs and Operations
Deputy Commander, Naval Legal Service Command

11. U.S. Representative, Massachusetts, 9th District

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Jennifer L. Parent JD'95

13. Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Vermont

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14. Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Puerto Rico

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